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Details of the capture of Fort Fisher.

Washington, Jan. 17.

The Department has received the following from Ft. Fisher, January 15, 1865. Telegraphed from Fort Monroe, 17th:

Hon. Gideon Wells, Sec. of the Navy:

SIR: Fort Fisher is ours. I send a bearer of dispatches with a brief account of the affair. Gen. Terry is entitled to the highest praise and gratitude of his country for the manner in which he has conducted his part of the operations. He is my beau ideal of a soldier and a general. Our co-operation has been most cordial. The result is victory, which will always be ours when the army and navy is hand in hand. The Navy loss in the assault was very heavy. The army loss is also heavy. DAVID D. PORTER,

Rear Admiral.

The following has been received at the Navy Department from Admiral Porter:

North Atlantic Squadron,
U. S. Flagship Melvern, off Fort Fisher, Jan. 14.

To Hon. Gideon Wells, Sec'y of the Navy, Washington, D. C.:

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that operations have been resumed against the forts at the entrance of Cape Fear River. Since the first attack on that place, and the subsequent withdrawal of the troops. I have been employed in filling the ships with ammunition and coal. The difficulties we have encountered no one can conceive. All our work had to be done with the larger vessels anchored on the coast, exposed, you may almost say, at sea to the violent gales that blow here almost incessantly. On these gales the enemy depend to break up our preparations. We will see. We have gone through the worst of it, have held on through gales heavy enough to drive everything to sea, and we have sustained no damage whatever.

After the troops arrived, the weather set in bad, and the gale was very heavy. As soon as it was over, I got under way on the 12th instant, and forming the vessels in three lines with the transports in, company, I steamed for Fort Fisher. On the morning of the 13th, the fleet took its station in three lines close to the beach, and the boats were sent at once to take off the troops. These were landed with about twelve days provisions at about 2 o'clock p. m.

This time I pursued a different plan in attacking the rebel works. I sent in the new Ironsides, Commodore Radford, leading the monitors Saugus, Canonicus, Manadnock and Mahapo. At 7.30 a. m, the Fort opened on them as they approached, but they quietly took up their old position within one thousand yards of Fort Fisher, and when ready opened their battery. In this way I enticed the enemy to engage the Monitors, that we might see what guns they had and see where they were, and be able to dismount them by our fire.

Quite a spirited engagement went on between the Forts and the Irosides and Monitors. It was soon apparent that the iron vessels had the best of it. Traverses began to disappear, and the southern angle of Fort Fisher began to look very dilapidated.

The guns were silenced one after another until only one heavy gun in the southern angle kept up its fire. The fire of this gun was not at all accurate, as it inflicted no damage on the iron vessels. They were hit several times.

By way of letting the enemy see we had some shell left on board the wooden ships and did not intend to take any unfair advantage of him by using the iron vessels, I ordered line number one in the plan, led by Captain Alden, of the Brooklyn, and line number two led by Com. Thatcher, of the Colorado, to go and attack, the batteries. This was done in the handsomest manner. Not a mistake was committed except firing too rapidly and making too much smoke. The heavy fire of the large vessels shut up the enemy's guns at once, and after firing till after dark the wooden vessels dropped out to their anchorage.

The Ironsides and Monitors maintained their position through the night, firing a shell now and then. They are now lying within one thousand yards of the fort, and monitors are within seven hundred yards, and the fort does not fire a gun at them, thinking no doubt, that it is a waste of powder. The firing from the fleet will commence as soon as we get breakfast, and will be kept up as long as the ordinance department provides us with shells and guns.

There is perfect understanding between General Terry and myself. I believe everything has been done to suit him. I have heard no complaints and know that we have felt every disposition to keep the army along. A detailed report of our operations here will be sent in when we get through.

I see no reason to doubt success. The fort will be used up soon. We have a respectable force landed on a strip of land, which our naval guns completely command, and a place of defense, which would enable us to hold out against a very large army. I will report to you at every opportunity.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

DAVID D. PORTER,
Rear Admiral.

The correspondent of the American gives the following detailed account of the capture of Fort Fisher:

Friday, Jan. 13.—At eight bells, (4 o'clock,) this morning we were aroused by a gun from the flagship and the burning of the preparatory signal of red and red and green, as an indication that it is time to be up and stirring and preparing breakfast, and getting thro' with the routine of morning duty, so as to be in readiness at dawn to commence the serious work of the day. The throng of vessels rest calmly on the sea, the wind being too light to stir or even ripple its surface. Truly the elements promise to favor this great enterprise.

At five o'clock the second signal was given by the flagship, "get under way," when the work of weighing anchors commenced, and at half past five the signals were given to the division commanders "move forward," the signal was responded to, causing a brilliant pyrotechnic display.

The gunboat Tacony was sent ahead to anchor off Flag Pond Battery, and the day not having yet dawned, her lights could be seen as the steering point of the fleet on shore, about three miles ahead of us The three frigates, Wabash, Minnesota and Colorado moved off first, led by Admiral Porter's flag ship. They were followed by the new Ironsides and Monitor fleet. The signals from the army transports added to the scene display. At the first dawn of day the whole armada was in motion.

The wind has changed to the west during the night, and coming off shore tends to render the landing of troops comparatively easy.

At a quarter to 7 o'clock the Admiral signaled to form a line of battle where-upon the Brooklyn with her line of vessels moved along close to the beach, in the following order:

Brooklyn, 26 guns; Mohecan 7; Tacony 10; Kansas 8; Unadilla 7; Huron 4; Maumee 5; Patuxet 10; Seneca 4; Pontosne 10; Uyack 7; Yantic 7; Total 116 guns. This division was ordered to prepare for action, and moving close to the beach to shell the woods at the point decided upon for the landing of the troops about three miles from Fort Fisher near the deserted Half Moon battery.

In a few minutes the whole division was in position throwing shells into the narrow stip of woods separating the sea shore from Cape Fear River, about a mile inland, parallel with the beach. In the meantime the iron-clads moved into position directly in front of Fort Fisher. The ironsides about three quarters of a mile, and monitors about half a mile off in the following order:

New Ironsides, Com. Radford, 20 guns; Monadnock, Com. Parrot, 4; Langes, Com. Calhoun, 2; Mapohie, 2; Before they got into position, the fort opened on them, but they secured their anchorage, when at 33-0 the Iron sides opened on the fort, followed by monitors with their tremendious shells. Every shot struck in the embrasures, and exploding, threw clouds of sand high into the air. The fort occasionally responded but did not send more than one shot every ten minutes, and at times, so rapid was our firing that they found it impossible to work their guns.

At ilile o'clock, the boats of the fleet were called away to assist in landing troops. The woods had in the mean tiile been thoroughly shelled, and no enemy had appeared. The transports were enabled to go within half a mile of shore, and they were soon surrounded by not less than 200 boats, supplied from the vessels of the fleet Several tugs also joined in the work, and carried the soldiers to within 100 yards of the beach, where they were transfered to small boats and the tents and camp equipage were also landed, with several days provisions for the entire force, 8,000 strong. At 9 o'clock the boats from all the transports moved for shore and in a few minutes the first five hundred men stepped on the beach and planted their regimental flag on one of the highest sand hills, amid cheering from the fleet. Not a single sign of the enemy could be seen at this time in any direction.

At 10 o'clock, about 4,000 troops having been landed, a skirmish line was sent forward on the beach Admiral Porter signaled to Captain Glisson, commanding the Saratoga, to move with his gun-boat division on each side of the line of the frigate and shell the beach in advance of the skirmishers. The woods in advance of the pickets were thoroughly shelled; up to within a mile and a half of Fort Fisher.

The firing on the fort from the monitors and new ironsides was a magnificent sight. From eight o'clock in the morning up to four o'clock in the after noon the monitors poured in their murderous shells at the rate of four per minute. The whole number thrown in that time was about 2,000. Every shot struck the embrasures or parapet of the fort, and the gunnery was never surpassed.

During this time the Fort probably threw 300 shells in return, but the difficulty they had in managing their guns, amid an explosion of our shells, and the clouds of sand that constantly enveloped the work, from our well directed shots, doubtless marred their gunnery, as most of their shells struck beyond or fell short of the mark. All of our vessels, however, received honorable scars in the fight.

The damage to the fort, by outward appearances, was most disastrous.—About 4 o'clock a dense and continued smoke from the inside of the fort indicated that some of the rebel huts had been fired.

Admiral Porter signaled to the vessels in the line of battle number one to take the position marked out for them on the Charles and join in the bombardment. Following rapidly was an order to line of battle number two to take position and join in the bombardment. It immediately moved forward presenting an array of the largest vessels in the service, a magnificent spectacle of old wooden walls with their ponderous ordinance. At two minutes of five o'clock these two immense divisions. carrying 312 guns, in addition to the ironclads, joined in the grand cannonade. The number of shots fired while this great bombardment lasted (one hour and a half,) closing at ten minutes past six o'clock, could not have been less than four per second. I have no doubt that up to the withdrawal of the wooden walls this evening, not less than 25,000 shells were fired into Fort Fisher. After the general bombardment commenced, but one shell was fired by the fort in return. Consequently none of the wooden vessels were injured. The ironsides and monitors did not withdraw when the signal to cease firing was given, but kept at work throughout the night; throwing one shell every ten minutes into the fort to prevent the repairing of the damages by the garrison.

An old bachelor says a women may be surprised, astonishd, and taken all aback put never "dumbfounded."

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Josh Billings on the Cat.

I have studdied cats clussly for years and have found them adikted tew a wild sta. They haint got affeckshun nor vartue of enny kind; they will skratch their best friend and wont katch mice unless they are hungry. It has been said that tha are good to make up into sassage; but this is a Mistake. I have bin told by the sassage maker tha don't compare with dorgs. Ther is one thing sartin, they are very anxious tew liv. You may turn one inside out and hang him up bi the tale and az soon az you are out ov site he will manage to turn a back som merset, and cum around awl right in a tew days. It iz very hard work to looze a cat. If one gits carried oph in a bag bi mistake a grate ways in the kuntry, tha won't sta lost only a short time, but soon appear, two maik the family happy with their presence. Old maids air very fond of cats, for the reason, I suppose, that cats never marry if they hav ever so good a chanse. There is one thing about cats that I don't like; if you step on their tails by acksident they get mad rite oph, and make a grate fuss about it. There is anuther thing about them which makes them a good investment for poor folks. A pair ov cats will yield each year, without any outlay, something like eighr hundred per cent. It iz a very singular fack that cats don't like a millpond; I never knew one tew git drowned by acksident. Tha luv cream but it seems to be agin thare religgin to tetch soap. Cats and dorgs have not bin able to agree on the main question, tha both seem two want the affirmatiff side tew onst.

I think if I could hav mi wa there wouldn't be enny more cats both; unless tha could show a certificate of good moral karakter. There iz one more thing about cats which seems tew me be awl affecktsun, and that iz making such a nois under a feller's winder at nights, and then kall it musik. If I wuz tu hav mi choice betwee a cat & a stripid snake, i would take the snake bekaus i could git rid of the snake by letting him go. There ain't no sartin wa to kill a cat; if yu git one worked up in sassages, and yu think yure awl jest az likely az not tha will cum to and take off a hole lot of sassages with them. These are mi views about cats, rather hove together, and if i hain't sed enuff again it is billy bekaus i lack in formation.

Expanding the Lungs.

Step out into the purest air you can find, stand perfectly erect, with the head and shoulders back, and then, fixing the lips as though you were going to whistle, draw the air through the nostrils into the lungs. When the chest is full, raise the arms, keeping them extended, with the palms of the hands down, as you suck in the air, so as to bring them over the head just as the lungs were quite full. Then drop the thumbs inward, and after gently forcing the arms backward, and the chest open, reverse the process by which you draw your breath, till the lungs are perfectly empty. This process should be repeated three or four times a day. It is impossible to describe to any one who has never tried it the glorious sense of vigor which follows he exercise. It is about the best expectorant in the world. We know a gentleman the measure of whose chest has been increased some three inches during as many months.

'Pat,' has recently come over, and one day he was given an ear of corn to eat. He evidently liked it very much but I guess he was eating it for the first time; for after he had eaten all that was on the cob, he passed it up again, and said. Will ye plaso put some more pace on my stick.

Jean Paul thus addresses young girls: "The young men fall on their knees before you; but it is as infantry before cavalry, that they may conquer and kill; or as the hunter, who only on bended knees takes aim at his victim."

The lovers like the two halves of a divided bank note, however widely separated, always correspond with each other.

THE HOMESTEAD

WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

FEB. 1 1865.

H. W. HOLLEY - - - - - - - - Editor.

We notice that an amendment was made in the State Senate a few days since to the bill granting swamp lands to the Southern Minnesota Railroad Company, which compels the said company as a condition of this grant to commence laying track on their main line, at La Crescent. We hardly think Senators reflected at the time they voted this amendment, upon the wrong they were doing. The grant is intended to aid this company to build a road from some point on their main line in Fillmore county westwardly, through the Southern tier of counties, and if Senators are really friendly to the interests of the people in the counties west of Fillmore, they certainly will not persist in tacking such an amendment as this to a bill intended to aid those counties. As well might Senators when the vote comes up on the extension of time to the Minnesota Central Road, tack on to it a condition that in consequence of such extension of time, said company shall commence grading at the Iowa line. We certainly thought our old friend Nutting of Rice county had no desire in his heart to throw obstacles in the way of a speedy development of the Southern counties of the State, and further, that if he did not believe the Southern Road should have any swamp lands, he would say so and vote so openly, without trying to paralyze the efforts of the company by helping to load down their bill with unjust conditions, while professing to grant them the aid they ask for.

We cannot help but believe that the "sober second thought" will not only convince friend Nutting, but other Senators and Representatives, that it is wrong to load down a Swamp Land Grant, given to aid a branch road, with provisions as to where the track shall first be laid on the main line. This bill referred to has been prepared with special reference to the wishes of the Governor as expressed in his message to wit: That half of the Swamp lands in the State shall be given to aid in building charitable institutions while the other half goes to aid Railroads and unless members desire particularly to spite certain interests and localities they will not persist in trying to defeat either the bills granting half such lands to Railroads or the other half to charitable institutions.

The Southern tier of counties are very much interested in this bill and having had as yet nothing from the State in the way of donations either of land for Railroads or the location within their limits of any one of the charitable institutions spoken of, it certainly is not unreasonable for them to expect that members will not seek to render useless the little pittance that seems about to be granted them in aid of their Railroad. The transit road being now a fixed fact, it is for the interest of every farmer along the line of that road, as well as elsewhere, to encourage a competing line that freights may not be exhorbitant, and this being indisputable, we cannot see why any member of the Legislature should seek to throw a single obstacle in the way of an enterprise so vital to all Southern Minnesota, as a Railroad through the southern tier of counties, We still have faith to believe that Senators will retrace their steps in this matter and at least do as they would like to be done by.

☞ Senator Porter of Blue Earth Co. will except our thanks for Pub. Docs. We are glad to see that Porter has about got his bill granting $3000 to pull the snags out of the Minnesota River through the Legislature. We hail the passage of the bill not only as an indication of his personal ability, but also of the recognition at last by the Legislature that there is some other part of this State valuable and worthy of appropriations beside the fertile regions lying between St. Paul and Lake Superior. Tamarack is good gentlemen of the North, for a great many purposes, but so is wheat, and please remember that when your Roads to Superior are built, it is Southern Minnesota that has got to furnish them their traffic.

"It seems that the iron obtained by Lieut. Gov. Sherwood to lay ten miles of the La Crescent Railroad was 'borrowed' at La Crosse to enable the company to make a sensation and get a vote from the La Crosse people in favor of loaning the company money. So says the Winona Republican."—Mantorville Express.

So it seems the Winona Republican cannot quit lying about the Southern Minnesota Railroad. The Editor of that sheet knew the above was a lie when he penned it, but Winona will not support an editor "or any other man" unless he sinks his manhood in this sort of way. The fact is Winona is somewhat exercised at the prospect that the Southern Minnesota Road is to be built, and so tries to conceal its chagrin by lying about it.

☞ We see by the Winona Republican that Thomas Simpson chief fugleman in the attack upon Senator Wilkinson's moral character, had a little infant left by an immoral mother on his doorstep a few nights since. This looks as though "Moral Tommy's" chickens, were coming home to roost at last. Ah Tommy, you must be a sly dog. Who'd have thought it?

☞ Lieut. Squires, of Blue Earth City passed through our town yesterday on his way to Fort Snelling. He took 42 men with him, all for the 1st Minn. Heavy Artillery.

Capt. J. H. Huntington of this place will start for the same post in a few days. He has already enlisted about 25 men. Fall in boys, and fill up his company.

The Quota of the state.

After making a dozen or two mistakes, Fry has at last telegraphed Col. Averill the quota of the State. It is as follows.

1st District	2,125,
2nd "	1,511,
Total	3,636.

TAKE NOTICE!

All those knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of McCormick and Taplin, or Mill account, will take notice that by agreement with said firm all such debts are to be paid to the undersigned.

14w4 ELISHA RHODES.

☞ Three more men were exempted and stricken from the enrollment list of this town at the meeting of the Exempting Board held at Mankato last week, viz. Wm. B. Hammond Chas. S. Kimball and F. F. Harlow.

☞ The Provost Marshal. General, has at lst furnished the State Authorities with the quota of Minnesota under the call. It is 3,666.

COMMUNICATION.

VERONA, Jan. 26, 1865.

FRIEND HOLLEY:—DEAR SIR: In the FREE HOMESTEAD of the 18th inst., I notice a communication signed by Joseph Mixter, W. C. Persons, J. S. Cornish and W. C. Rice, all total strangers to me except W. C. Rice, and all fine men as far as I know, at least we will call them so, for they are the town board of Nevada township, as I understand; and as they feel very indignant in regard to the enrollment of their town and have totally annihilated our worthy Deputy Provost Marshal, J. B. Wakefield, and friend Silliman, and are now after me, I thought I would just give a history of the whole affair, before I left, so far as their township is concerned.

I did call at Mr. Mixter's, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, as represented. I did not find him at home, I was told he was at Fairmount, and they did not know as he would be at home that day or the next, as he talked some of going to the West Chain Lake. Now I did not tell Mixter's neighbor, Mr. Clendenning, to have Mr. Mixter meet me at the West Chain Lake, I merely said I was going to the West Chain to see the town Clerk and if he (Mixter) was there I would try and see him, if not, I would be glad to have him meet me at Fairmount the next day. I did go to the town Clerk's office, and with him examined the town records, and was told by W. C. Rice, town Clerk of Nevada township, that he believed the list I had was as near perfect as it could be. Now how is it, that that dignitary comes out so soon and signed the communication above refered too? Further, after I had left the town Clerks office, I again went back to the Post Office, to see if Mixter had arrived but did not find him; it was then past three o'clock, and I started for the Centre Chain, but did not meet him. I stayed at Centre Chain that night and then went to Fairmount. there I saw Judge Shaver, who told me Mixter was to be at his house that night to do some Probate business. I again sent word to Mr. Mixter that I would wait for him until noon the next day, and did so. Judge Shaver saw my list and seemed satisfied with it.

Now in regard to Mr. Mixter's neighbor Clendening, I did not tell him to tell Mr. Mixter to meet me at West Chain Lake, the whole thing is false, the appointment was at Fairmount.

Clendening was so much excited in regard to the coming draft that he could not understand any thing He claimed to be over forty five years of age, I told him I thought not, and he called my attention to the fact that his whiskers were painted, I told him I thought it a bad time to paint, and asked him what year he was born in, in 1817 18 19 20 or 21, he said he would not tell, so I put him down 40 as I did not believe his story, now here lies the secret of the whole affair.

Now for the information of the Town Board, I will just state that instead of ninety, I added twenty nine, including Mr. Clendening, the only man I found that would not tell the year he was born in. Farther, for the satisfaction of all concerned, I would like to publish my instructions in regard to enrolling which are as follows: In revising the enrollment list, you are desired to make your work as perfect and thorough as possible, you have no authority to strike names from the list, care should be taken that every man liable to military duty is enrolled. You should act in concert with the Board of Supervisors in each Town, examine the Town records and all evidence that will aid you in perfecting your list. You should mark opposite a man's name the fact if you think him over forty-five years of age as the Board will meet at St. Peter on the 17th of January 1865 and remain in session there one week to afford all persons claiming exemption an opportunity to present their claims in person.

W. J. C. ROBERTSON.

NEWS ITEMS.

Tomorrow, Janurry 13, was the day assigned for the execution of Green, the Malden murderer, but it is understood that the Governor has withheld his signature from the warrant, and that the execution of the sentence is deferred for action by the next executive council.

From the Boston Post:

There is a story quietly circulated about Green, the murderer, which seems to justify printing. Being visited in his cell recently, he inquired what were the probabilities of his being hung. "Very great," was the reply. "Oh, no," said Green; "the Governor will not sign the death warrant, I am sure." "But did he not sign Desmarteau's?" "Yes," said Green, naively, 'but then you know that was an aggravated case!"

Jeff Davis is again in trouble with his Happy Family. The Governor of Mississippi refuses point blank to allow his militia to go out of his State, and the Governor of Alabama claims the privilege, and exercises it also, of naming exempts to the conscription himself. As each of them are following out the pet doctrine of State Rights Davis can find fault with little grace.

Ft. Ridgely, Minn. Jan. 18th, 1865.

The fine building occupied as head quarters by Col. Pfender and Dr. Muller, was burned this morning at 1 30; defective flue the cause. No blame can be attached to any one. The loss of the Colonel and Doctor both are considerable in the way of clothing. Most of the furniture saved. The calamity is said in the extreme, especially at this season of the year.

A sheriff and assistant tried to arrest the baggage master of the Montreal night train at White River Junction, Vt., Wednesday night, but desisted, when he knocked both of them out of the car, drew a revolver, and defied them to arrest him while he had charge of the U. S. mail.

The annual renting of pews in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. took place last week. Four hundred dollars was paid for the first choice, and the prices for the first thirty seats ranged from $310 to $400. Beecher's popularity is evidently not on the wane.

A treasonable organization has been discovered in California, of the K. G. C. stamp. The order is known as the "Knights of the Columbian Star."

St. Louis, Jan. 20. A destructive fire broke out last night in a building corner of Fourth and Olive streets, occupied by clothiers, hatters, &c. Total loss $50,000. Fully insured.

Sopha Kittle has recovered $3,000 of William Walsh in New York court, for refusing to marry her after promising to. Sopha's courting was to some effect, if William's wasn't.

Venison is the cheapest meat in the New York market—10 to 20c per pound at retail. Beef is 20 to 30c.

Massachusetts pays three dollars per week each, to support her convicts in prison.

The pay of over 800 officers in the Commissary Bureau has been stopped, in consequence of their failure to render prompt and correct accounts.

Wm. H. Fry, the composer, and long connected with the New York Tribune, died at Santa Cruz, December 21st.

Mrs. Sarah Pheeters, a prominent lady in St. Louis, and wife of the chief surgeon in Price's army, has been sent to the Gratiot prison, on charge of general disloyalty.

Anton Reed, 6th Minnesota, has been arrested in St. Louis on the charge of aiding a prisoner to escape from the Myrtle prison.

The steamer, J. H. Dicky, was sunk recently below Memphis, by collision with another steamer; and it is reported that one hundred persons, most of them soldiers, lost their lives.

The Newfoundlanders are really starving. One village of a thousand souls is reported without flour, bread, meal, molasses or tea. Suppose Wharncliffe turns his attention that way. Seward won't interfere with him.

The new three cent pieces will be out soon.

Gen. Terry has been nominated and confirmed as Major Gen. of Volunteers.

An Excellent Remedy.—Whoever is troubled with Hoarseness, Coughs, or Soreness of the Throat, can apply an excellent and safe remedy by using BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES. We have tried the article and can safely recommen them in all cases of throat irritation. To singers and Public Speakers they are of great value.—Alton (Ill.) Courier.

Attention, soldiers! Protect your Health! No sensible man will leave the city without a supply of HOLLOWAY'S PILL AND OINTMENT. For Wounds, Sores, Fevers, and Dysentery, these are the best medicines in the world. Every English and French use them. If the reader of this "notice" cannot get a box of Pills or Ointment from the drug stor in his place, let him write to me, 80 Maiden Lane, enclosing the amount, and I will mail a box free of expense. Many dealers will not keep my medicines on hand becuse they cannot make as much profit as on other persons' make. 35 cent, 88 cents, and $1,40 per box or pot.

Winnebago City

Flouring Mill!

The proprietor of this mill gives notice that at last he has got everything in running condition, and in tip top shape, and can from this time henceforth supply all demands on him for FLOUR, SHORTS, BRAN, CORN-MEAL, and all kinds of FEED.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS

Drugs,

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We have also a splendid assortment of

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Mankato, Minn. 21y1

TOWN MEETING.

Pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, there will be a Special Town Meeting of the legal voters of the Town of Winnebago City, held at Moulton's Hall at the village of Winnebago City, on Monday, the 6th day of February 1865, to vote upon a proposition to pay a bounty of $400, to each person enlisting on or before the 15th day of February, 1865, to the credit of said town, under the last call of the President for 300,000 men. Said money to be raised by issuing Town Bonds payable in two years with 12 per cent. interest. The polls will be opened at said Hall in said village, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and closing at five o'clock P. M.

Winnebago City, Jan. 25, 1865.

R. B. JOHNSON,

14w1 Town Clerk.

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when you come to Mankato, stop at

O. WARD'S!

Where you can find every variety of

Dry Goods,

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WITH ALL THE LATEST STYLES OF READY MADE

CLOTHING!

And in fact everything you will be likely to want, and at PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

Try us when you come to town. If we can't suit you when you call on us, that will be our fault. If you, when you come to town, do not give us a chance to suit you that is your OSS.

GIVE HIM A TRIAL

Mankato, March 16, 1864. 21y1

U.S. 7-30 LOAN

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that subscriptions will be received for Cupon Treasury Notes payable three years from Aug. 15th 1864, semi-annual interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum,—principal and interest both to be paid in lawful money.

These notes will be covertable at the option of the holder at maturity, into six per cent. gold bearing bonds, payable not less than five nor more than twenty years from their date, as the Government may elect. They will be issued in denominations of $50, $100, $500, $1,000 and $5,000, and all subscriptions must be for fifty dollars or some multiple of fifty dollars.

As the notes draw interest from August 15, persons making deposits subsequent to that date must pay the interest accrued from the date of note to date of deposit.

Special advantages of this Loan.

IT IS A NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK, offering a higher rate of interest than any other and the BEST SECURITY. Any savings bank which pays its depositors in U. S. Notes, considers that it is paying in the best circulating medium of the country, and it cannot pay in anything better, for its own assets are either in goverment securities or in notes or bonds payable in government paper.

Convertable into a Six per cent. 5-20 Gold Bond.

In addition to the very liberal interest on the notes for three years, this privilege of conversion so now worth about three per cent. per annum for the current rate for 5-20 Bonds it not less than **nine per cent. premium**, and before the war the premium on six per cent. U. S. stocks was over twenty per cent, It will be seen that the actual profit on this loan, at the present market rate, is not less than ten per cent per annum:

Its Exemption from State or Municipal Taxation.

But aside from all the advantages we have enumerated, a special act of Congress exempts all bonds and treasury notes **from local Taxation.** On the average, this exemption is worth about two per cent. per annum, according to the rate of taxation in various parts of the country.

It is believed that no securities offer so great inducements to lenders as those issued by the government. In all other forms of indebtedness the faith or ability of private parties, or stock companies, or seperate communities, only, is pledged for payment, while the whole property of the country is held to secure the discharge of all the obligations of the United States.

Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer of the United States, at Washington, the several Assistant Treasurers and designated Depositaries, and by the

First National Bank of St Paul

And by all National Banks which are depositaries of public money, and

ALL RESPECTABLE BANKS AND BANKERS

throughout the country will give further information and

AFFORD EVERY FACILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS.

October 26, 1864. n52m2

NEW GOODS.

Just received, a new and complete assortment of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting in part, of

Dry Goods and GROCERIES.

J. M. THOMPSON.

GARDEN CITY, MINN.,

WOULD respectfully announce to the people of Faribault and Blue Earth counties, that he has just received a large assortment of Goods for

FALL & WINTER!

SUCH AS—

Prints,	Shawls.
De Laines,	Boots & Shoes,
Denims,	wool Yarn,
Brown Sheeting.	Cod Fish.
Bleach'd Sheet'g,	Mackerel,
Cassimeres,	White Fish.
Satinetts,	Dried Apple,

KENTUCKY JEANS,

STRIPES

DRIED PEACHES

CANDLE WICKING

HATS & CAPS.

And in fact everything kept in a WELL FILLED country store, all of which will be sold as cheap as

Can be bought in the State.

The highest CASH prices will be paid for

Wheat & Furs!

☞ Remember the place—

NEXT DOOR SOUTH THE HOTEL

Manhood: how Lost, how Restored!

JUST published, a new edition of Dr. CULVERWELL' **celebrated Essay** on the radical cure (without medicine) of Spermatorrhœa or seminal Weakness, Involuntary Seminal Losses, Impotency, Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc; also, Consumption Epilepsy, and Fits, induced by self-indulgence or sexual extravagance.

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The celebrated author in this admirable essay clearly demostrates, from a thirty years' successful practice, that the alarming consequences of self abuse may be radically cured without the dangerous use of internal medicine or the application of the knife—pointing out a mode of cure at once simple, certain, and effectual, by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately and radically.

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PROSPECTUS OF THE

Atlantic for '65.

The Number for January, 1865, begins the Fifteenth Volume of the "Atlantic Monthly."—The publishers state that they have made such arrangements for the coming year as will convince their readers that they intended to maintain the present position and popularity of their magazine. They can now announce definitely the following features of the New Volume:

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, will contribute a new series of Domestic Papers, with the title of "The Chimney-Corner."

Donald C. Mitchell, author of "Reveries of a Bachelor," will begin in early number a story with the title of "Dr. Johns."

Prof. Goldwin Smith, of the University of Oxford, has engaged to write regularly during the year, on topics of interest to American readers.

Prof. Agassiz has in preparation another series of his interesting and valuable Scientific Papers.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's Papers furnish some scenes from his unfinished work, "The Doliver Romance," which will appear in the coming volume.

Fitz-Hugh Ludlow will continue his admirable sketches of travel and adventure.

George Augusta Sala, the the well known novelist and magazineist, will contribute a series of papers similar to those written by him in Dickens' "Household Words," and "All the Year Round." The first paper will be a sketch of George Cruikshank.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall will contribute to the New Volume Memories of Authors they have known, including many interesting reminiscences of Moore and other literary celebrities.

The Author of "Ten Acres ENOUAH" will furnish the Atlantic with regular articles of strikingly original character.

In addition to the features above enumerated, other interesting ones are in preparation. The magazine will still be favored with constant contributions from its regular staff of writers, whose names are familiar to the reading public as those of the

First American Authors.

The Atlantic will continue to furnish to its readers the best Essays, Sketches, Poems, Stories, Political and Historical Papers, and Miscellany of all kinds which American talent can supply.

Terms of the Atlantic Monthly.

Single subscriptions—$4,00 per year.

CLUB RATES.—Two copies for $7,00; five copies for $16,00; ten copies for $30,00; and each additional copy $3,00. For every club of twenty subscribers, an extra copy will be furnished [gratis], or twenty one copies for $60,00.

POSTAGE.—The postage on the Atlantic is twenty four cents per year, and must in all cases be paid at the office where it is received.

Clubbing with "Our Young Folks."

The "Atlantic" and "Our Young Folks" will be furnished to one address for FIVE DOLLARS per year.

TICKNOR & FIELDS,

Publishers, Boston.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Soldiers Bounty.

It will be seen by a notice in todays paper that there will be a special town meeting held on Monday, February 6th, to decide whether this town will pay a bounty to additional volunteers under the last call of the President.

Some opposition to further bounty has been manifested by a few persons upon the ground that this town is already in excess enough to clear it of a draft. This, however, is a mistaken idea. So many men in other sections of the State are getting off from the enrollment lists that it is impossible to tell how much the quota of any town will be, and notwithstanding our fancied security, we may be called upon to furnish five or six more men. If this should be the case and the town meeting votes against the bounty, the draft would be inevitable, as the men who propose to be credited to this town provided the bounty is voted, will, in case it is voted down, enlist elsewhere.

Of course there are a certain class of supremely selfish men who will vote against the bounty, their principal reason being that they are exempt themselves from the draft, either because of old age or physical disability. There are a certain few of this class who blow tremendously about the outrage of paying a volunteer who goes to the war a handsome bounty. Why don't volunteers go for nothing as they ought to? these opposers of the bounty exclaim, but when asked why they do not themselves lead off in the patriotic style of "going for nothing," eloquently reply "Oh we would were we not a little too old, or have got something nice for a disease which exempts us." This class of men would like first rate to have able bodied men protect and fight for their property for nothing. A man who has not got any teeth and who has got the chronic belly ache and his exemption papers is one of the purest stay at home patriots we have. He hates to see this war become such a mercenary affair. It checks his idea of propriety that a volunteer should get from his neighbors $100 as a compensation for going where they dont want to go themselves. He almost curses his God that his teeth won't grow again so that he can set an example of self-sacrificing patriotism, such as fighting for his neighbors and boarding himself. We will bet our Editor hat, that out of every ten men in any town in the State who vote "on principle" against giving liberal bounties to volunteers, nine have either got their exemption papers or have got some pet distemper which they know will clear them from the draft.

We don't mean to be understood as saying that all who get exempted are opposed to paying bounties. There are very many men who have got exempted who are in favor of paying volunteers a bounty, but nevertheless it is true that nine out of every ten who vote and talk against bounties, are those who are too old, or too sick, or too indisposed somehow, to go to the war themselves, and are just selfish enough not to be ashamed to oppose paying volunteers well for going in their places.

Just think what an outrage it is to tax the property of those who stay at home making money, for the benefit of those who leave everything and go to the war, is the argument. The more, however, you think of it, the greater the outrage becomes, to vote against it, and therefore we have no doubt but that Winnebago City will do as every other town does that votes on the subject, viz: vote almost unanimously for taking good care of her volunteers.

☞ Two or three residents of this town have enlisted, but are awaiting the action of our Town Meeting before crediting themselves to any town. They would prefer of course going from their own town, but if it refuses to do as well by them as others, no one can blame them for going elsewhere. Don't be in a hurry boys, Winnebago will without doubt provide for her defenders.

☞ "Honors are easy" at last in Chatfield among the copperheads and the "naygur" haters. At a late session of the School Board in that town an ignorant contraband desirous of learning to read his bible was turned out of school because he was black and over 21 years of age. We don't want to be sacrilegious but really we would like to know what Christ thinks of such civilization as this.

BEWARE OF IMPOSITION.

A Company having been recently started in Rochester, of which one C. H. Foote is Secretary (Formerly, but NOT NOW secretary of the Farmers' Company,) the public are warned against confusing the two companies—the so called "Rochester Insurance Company" having no capital to secure its policy holders, and being controlled by non residents of the State. This company having without authority used the names of prominent citizens of Minnesota to give it a false standing and credit, the following "cards" published in the Rochester City Post of December 17th, were given to the public by the persons whose names were so wrongfully used:

CARD.

The undersigned, having been informed that their names have been used and published in a card as "Directors and references" in the so called "Rochester Insurance Company," desire to say that they know nothing of said company, have not had and do not desire to have any connection with it in any capacity whatever; and here by decline to be held responsible in any way for its doings.

Rochester, Dec. 15, 1864.

JOHN M. COLE,
C. H. LINDSLEY,
W. S. BOOTH.

Note from Mr. Shandrew.

Winona, Dec. 15, 1864.

FRIEND WHITCOMB:—Yours of the 12th is received. In reply I would say, that if my name has been used in connection with the socalled "Rochester Insurance Co." lately started in your city by Mitchell, Foote and others, it has been done without my consent and against my wishes as expressed to the former some three weeks since

Yours truly,
F. E. SHANDREW.

CARD

Of the Directors of the Farmers' Insurance Company.

In order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding, the Directors of the Farmers' Insurance Co. deem it their duty to inform the public that for reasons of a prudential character they have dissolved all connection with Mr. C. H. Foote, formerly Secretary of the company, who is not now connected with the Company in any capacity whatever. This statement is made in order to guard the public against mistaking a new organization, styled the "Rochester Insurance Company," (of which Mr. Foote now purports to be the Secretary,) for the old and well established Farmers', with which it has no connection whatever.

The Directors take pleasure in further announcing, that they have deposited with the "First National Bank" of Rochester, (see certificate below) an amount of securities, which in connection with the acquired capital already in the hands of the Company, forms a capital of $-7,000.

The Directors of the "Farmers'" have undertaken this enterprise in a spirit of entire good faith, and pledge their best efforts to make it at once, the safest, soundest, and cheapest company for the insured existing in the State.

LOUIS WALKER,
J. V. DANIELS,
JOHN R. COOK,
C. C. JONES,
O. P. WHITCOMB,
W. D. HURLBUT,
D. BLAKELY,
CHAS. SCHEFFER,
S. A. KENNEDY,
Directors Farmers' Insurance Co.

I hereby certify that the President of the Farmers' Insurance Company of Rochester, has deposited securities with the First National Bank of Rochester to the amount of $10,000 as additional capital to the acquired capital of said company in cash and premium notes.

F. W. TITUS, Cashier.

Rochester, Dec. 15, 1864.

☞ READ THIS! ☜

A "Wild Cat" Insurance Company.

The following communication from a substantial citizen of Rochester to the Post newspaper, with reference to a new company entitled the "Rochester Insurance Company," will explain itself:

About Insurance Companies.

To the Editor of the Rochester Post:

SIR:—I notice by reference to the Articles of Incorporation on file with the Register of Deeds, that there are in existence at Rochester at the present time, two Insurance Companies, which the public are invited to patronize and encourage. If these Companies are worthy of the confidence of the public, and are able to meet their liabilities they ought to be encouraged and sustained. On the contrary, if one or both of them fail to combine these elements of strength, the people who are solicited to take risks in them, and who always suffer largely by the failure of such Institutions too meet their liabilities, should early be informed of their danger. The laws of Minnesota are surprisingly lax in regard to Insurance projects, and only the watchful scrutiny of the people can insure them against the designs of evil disposed persons.

I find that the Farmers' Insurance Company has for its Directors citizens of Minnesota who have long been well and favorably known both in public and in private life, as responsible and honorable men. Among these are Ex-Gov Ramsey, State Treasurer Scheffer and Secretary Blakely, John I. Cook, President of the First National Bank Hon, J. V. Daniels, O. P. Whitcomb, Treasurer of Olmstead County, and Wm. D. Hurlbut, Louis Walker and C. C. Jones Esqs. The intention of these gentlemen to deal honorably by the public cannot be doubted. The question which remains is as to the capital which they have acquired or devoted to the safety of the company. By inquiry at the Secretary's office, I find that the company have issued five hundred policies, and have acquired a member's Capital in cash and premium notes of $17,000. In addition to this the Directors of the Company have subscribed an additional capital of $10,000 and deposited it with the first National Bank of Rochester, to remain as a guarantee for its liabilities until its acquired capital shall reach $50,000—which, in the present prosperous condition of the Company cannot be long. They have thus complied with such laws as are in force in New York regulating new companies and such as unquestionably ought to be in force here. I believe the Farmers' Insurance Co. to be a sound and trustworthy Institution.

I now turn my attention to the new company styled the "Rochester Insurance Company." On a card issued by this Company the following names appear as "Directors and Reference," viz: C. L. Currier, G. H. Foote, M. D. Farr, L. G. M. Fletcher, W. H. Mitchell, A. F. Childs, C. H. Butts, H. A. Brown, D. Chase, W. S. Booth, F. E. Shandrew, C. H. Lindsley, and John M. Cole. The first seven of these persons are by the Articles of Incorporation made Directors for the term of five years—the members and policy-holders of the company having no voice in electing their successors during the whole of this time, and no control over them whatever, let their action be what it may! Comment upon this feature is manifestly unnecessary. Five of these five years Directors are from foreign States, and nothing is known of them by the people of Minnesota. A majority of the Board of management mentioned in the charter are therefore not Minnesotians—have no property interest here whatever, as appears by the records of the Court House, and each of them as are here for the purpose of running this Company, may go away as quickly and as silently as they came, and none will be the wiser.

Of the remaining names mentioned above, all are honorable and sound men residing in our midst. Both being referred to Messrs. Brown and Chase say they are not Directors and know nothing about the company. They are probably "References." Messrs. Shandrew, Lindsley, Booth and Cole decline any connection with the Company, know nothing about it, and desire no credit to be given it on their account. The placing of their names before the public as "Directors and References" therefore constitutes a case of direct fraud, and subjects the offenders to fine and imprisonment. (See Sec. XIV, p 331 Revised Statutes." The further claim of the company that its 'capital consists in first lien on real estate" is intentional deception and misrepresentation, and lays the individual property of the Directors liable for the debts of the company. But as the names of none of the Directors appear on the real estate rolls of the county, the condition of policy holders, in case of loss by fire, and the failure of the company to respond may be seen at a glance.

The sole capital of this company consists in the premium notes of its policy holders. As the company has but just begun its business, it can have no amount of these. That it is therefore a wild-cat institution of the very worst species is clearly apparent.

—I have made this examination, Mr. Editor and stated the result, with no other purpose than to protect the people, and to compel this company either to adopt measures for the protection of their policy holders, or to cease to do business. I trust they will adopt the former course. Good insurance companies will benefit the city and community at large, while the experience of all enterprises of the kind have demonstrated the curse which poor ones are to all who have any thing to do with them. Yours, &c.,

Rochester, Dec. 15, 1864. GEO. ERISBIE.

Insure at Home.

Farmers' Insurance Company.

Rochester, Minn.

Capital,—(Stock and accumulations),

$27.000.

The Directors of this Company take pleasure in announcing the entire and unexpected success which has rewarded their efforts in establishing a first class Insurance Company in Minnesota. It is believed that no Company has ever before began business with equally flattering prospects—over Five Hundred Applications having been taken in less than three months, and an accumulation of $12,000 in premium notes and $5,000 in cash premiums, having already resulted to the Company in this brief period, and been added to its capital. No more convincing testimony than this is needed of the desire of the people to encourage home enterprises, of whatever character.

The advantages of insurance in this company are—that the operations of the company will be under the immediate eye of the insured—its Directors are well known to them, and each one of them is directly interested in its success by being himself an individual policy holder, as well as a stock holder in the Company. No better guarantee could be afforded of the entire good faith of the Directors of this Company, and their confidence in its soundness and success.

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J. A. KENNEDY.	C. C. JONES.

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J. A. KENNEDY—General Agent.

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Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before the said register or receiver that he or she is the head of a family, or is twenty-one or more years of age, or shall have performed service in the army or navy of the United States, and that he has never borne arms against the Government of the United States or given aid and comfort to its enemies, and that such application is made for his or her exclusive use and benefit, and that said entry is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; and upon filing the said affidavit with the register or receiver, and on payment of ten dollars, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified: Provided however, That no certificate shall be given or patent issued therefore until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, or at any time within two years thereafter the person making such entry,—or if he be dead, his widow; or in case of her death—shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she, or they have resided upon or cultivated the same for the term of five years immediately succeeding the time of filing the affidavit aforesaid, and shall make affidavit that no part of said land has been alienated, and that he has borne true allegiance to the Government of the United States; then, in such case he, she, or they, if at that time a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to a patent, as in other cases provided for by law: And provided, further, That in case of the death of both father and mother, leaving an infant child, or children, under twenty-one years of age the right and fee shall enure to the benefit of said infant child or children; and the executor, administrator, or guardian may, at any time within two years after the death of the surviving parent, and in accordance with the laws of the State in which such children for the time being have their domicil, sell said land for the benefit of said infants, but for no other purpose: and the purchaser shall acquire the absolute title by the patent, and be entitled to a patent from the United States on payment of the office fees and sum of money herein specified.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the register of the land office shall note all such applications on the track books and plats of his office, and keep a register of all such entries, and make return thereof to the General Land Office, together with the proof upon which they have been founded.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That no lands acquired under the provision of this act shall in any event become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of the patent thereof.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That if, at any time after the filing of the affidavit, as required in the second section of this act, and before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, it shall be proven, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the land office, that the person having filed such affidavit shall have actually changed his or her residence, or abandoned the said land for more than six months at any time, then and in that event the land so entered shall revert to the Government.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no individual shall be permitted to acquire title to more than one quarter section under the provisions of this act; and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this act that they are now entitled to receive when the same quantity of land is entered with money, one half to be paid by the person making the application at the time of so doing, and the other half on the issue of the certificate by the person, to whom it may be issued; but this shall not be construed to enlarge the maximum of compensation now prescribed by law for any register or receiver: Provided, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: And provided, further, That all persons who may have filed their applications for a pre emption right prior to the passage of this act shall be entitled to all the privileges of this act: Provided, further, That no person who has served, or may hereafter serve, for a period of not less than fourteen days in the army or navy of the United states, either regular or volunteer, under the laws thereof, during the existence of an actual war, domestic or foreign, shall be deprived of the benefits of this act on account of not having attained the age of twenty one years.

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GALUSHA A. GROW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. FOOT,
President pro tem. of the senate.

Approved, May 20, 1862.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
President of the United states.

The following is the amendment to the Homestead Law, which passed Congress on the 18th of March, 1864.

Amendment of The Homestead law.

The bill provides that in case of any person desirous of availing himself of the benefits of the homestead act of May 20, 1862, but who, by reason of actual service in the military or naval service of the United States, is unable to do the personal preliminary acts at the district land office which that act requires, it shall and may be lawful for such person to make the affidavit required by that act before the officer commanding in the branch of the service in which he may be engaged, which affidavit shall be as binding in law, and with like penalties, as if taken before the register or receiver; and upon such affidavit being filed with the register by the wife or other representative of the party, shall become effective from the date of filing, provided the application and affidavit are accompanied by the fee and commissions as required by law.

The second section provides that besides the ten dollar fee exacted by the homestead act, the applicant shall hereafter pay to the register and receiver each, as commissions, at the time of entry, one per cent, upon the cash price as fixed by law of the land applied for, and like commissions when the claim is finally established and the certificate therefore issued as the basis of a patent.

The third section provides that in any case hereafter in which the applicant for the benefit of the homestead is prevented, by reason of distance, bodily infirmity or other good cause, from personal attendance at the district land office, he may make the affidavit required by the original statute before the clerk of the court for the county in which he is an actual resident, and transmit the same, with the fee and commissions, to the register and receiver.

The fourth section provides that in lieu of the fee allowed by the twelfth section of the preemption act of 4th September 1841, the register and receiver shall each be entitled to one dollar for their services in acting upon preemption claims And shall be allowed, jointly, at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred words for the testimony which may be reduced by them to writing for claimants, in establishing preemption or homestead rights,

The sixth section provides that where a preemptor has taken the initiatory steps required by existing laws in regard to actual settlement, and is called away from such settlement by being actually engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, and by reason of such absence is unable to appear at the district land office to make before the register or receiver the affidavits required by the thirteenth section of the preemption act of 4th September, 1841, the time for filing such affidavit and making final proof and entry or location shall be extended six months after the expiration of his term of service, upon satisfactory proof, by affidavit, or the testimony of witnesses, that the said preempt or is so in the service, being filed with the register of the land office for the district in which his settlement is made.

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It will be perceived that we have often quoted largely from those excellent agricultural papers, the "American Agriculturist and, the "Working Farmer," both of New York city. With their kind permission we shall continue to do so, as we know of no papers in this country or elsewhere more worthy of reference. No good farmer should be without them and none will when they come to know their value. At the same time we read all other standard American as well as Foreign Agricultural publications, and when we find anything new and striking, we give it place in our columns.

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Princes fit for something less,
Crumpled shirt and dirty jacket
May be clothe the golden ore
Of the deepest thoughts and feelings—
Satin vests could do no more.

There are springs of crystal nectar,
Ever swelling out of stone;
There are purple buds and golden,
Hidden crushed and overgrown—
God, who counts by souls, not dresses,
Loves and prospers you and me,
While he values thrones, the highest,
But as pebbles in the sea.

Man, upraised above his fellows,
Oft forgets his fellows then.
Masters, rulers, lords, remember
That your meanest hinds are men.
Men by labor, men by feeling,
Men by thought, and men by fame,
Claiming equal rights to sunshine,
In a man's ennobling name.

There are foam-embroidered oceans,
There are little weed-clad rills,
There are feeble inch-high saplings,
There are cedars on the hills;
God, who counts by souls, not stations,
Loves and prospers you and me;
For to Him, all vain distinctions
Are as pebbles in the sea.

Toiling hands alone are builders
Of a nation's wealth or fame;
Titled laziness is pensioned,
Fed and fattened on the same;
By the sweat of others' foreheads,
Living only to rejoice.
While the poor man's outraged freedom
Vainly lifted up its voice.

Truth and justice are eternal,
Born with loveliness and light,
Secret wrongs shall never prosper,
While there is a sunny right:
God, whose world-heard voice is singing
Boundless love to you and me,
Sinks oppression with its titles,
As the pebbles in the sea.

Little Kate.

Tell me reader, did you ever
Know a little winsome Kate,
Who was very often peeping
Through the pickets of your gate?

Did you ever hear her childish
Laughter, ringing forward free,
While a wreath as bright as noonday,
Decked her lips in childish glee.

Did you ever see her standing
Right among your rarest flowers,
Bending all their heads together,
Into little baby bowers?

Did you ever hear her singing
Snatches of a little song,
That you'd taught a winsome creature,
Just as small and just as young?

Did you? Then, though we forever
May in different lands have been,
You have known that I have known, and
Heard and seen what I have seen.

Mrs. M. C. W.

"Come and See Me"

Never take "come and see me," as a phrase meant in earnest. An invitation without circumstances is no invitation at all. Depend upon it, if any man or woman desires your company, he or she will appoint a time for your visit. Call upon me when you can make it convenient; drop in as you are passing; make us a visit whenever you have an hour to spare, are social indefinitesims by which the men of the world understand that they are not expected to do the thing requested. When people wish to be cheaply polite, there is nothing like this kind of vagueness. The complimentary small change of society should always be taken at a large discount. It is never worth its face or anything like it. Yet it is a convenient medium of exchange for all that, and heavy debts of gratitude that ought to be requited in better coins are often paid with it. People who have more polish than principle, use it lavishly, plain, blunt, honest men sparingly or not at all. Whoever makes a friendly visit on the strength of a mere "come and see me," will be very likely to find the family circle as the Arctic circle, and to leave it with a chilly feeling about the heart that will prevent him from venturing again into the same high latitude. But when a whole souled fellow whom you know to be your friend, grasps you by the hand and says, "Come dine with me to-day; be sure to come; we shall expect you," go if you can, and you will be all the better for it, both in mind and body.

He chawd.

KILLING AN ENEMY.

BY T. S. ARTHUR.

"That man will be the death of me yet" said Paul Lovering

He looked worried, but not angry.

"Thee means Dick Hardy?"

"Yes"

"What has he been doing to the now?"

The questioner was a friend named Isaac Martin—a neighbor.

"He's always doing something friend Martin. Scarcely a day passes that I don't have complaint of him. Yesterday one of the boys came and told me that he saw him throw a stone at my Durham cow, and strike her in the head."

"That's very bad, friend Lovering. Does thee know why he did this? Was thy Durham trespassing on his grounds?

"No, she was only looking over his fence. He has a spite against me and mine, and does all he can to injure me. You know the fine Bartlett pear tree, that stands in the corner ad joining his property."

'Yes'

"Two large limbs full of fruit, stretched over on his side. You would hardly believe it, yet it is true. I was out there just now, and discovered that he had sawed off those two fine limbs that hung over on his side. They lay upon the ground, and his pigs were eating the fruit."

"Why? is Dick so spiteful to thee, friend Lovering? he dosen't annoy me. What's thee done to him?

'Nothing of any consequence."

'Thee must have done something. Try and rememer.'

'I know what first let him out. I kicked an ugly dog of his once. The beast half starved at home, I suppose was all the while prowling about here and snatching up every-thing that came in his way. One day I came upon him suddenly and gave him a tremendious kick that sent him howling through the gate. Unfortunately as it has turned out, the dog's master happened to be passing along the road. The way he swore at me was dreadful. I never saw a more vindictive face. On the next morning, a splendid Newfoundland, that I had raised from a pup, met me shivering at the door with his tail cuf off! I don't know when I have felt so badly. Poor fellow! his piteous looks haunt me now. I had no proof against Dick, but have never doubted as to his agency in the matter. In my grief and indignation I shot him, and so put out of my sight.'

'Thee was hasty in that, friend Lovering.' said the quaker.

Perhaps I was: though I have never repented the act, I met Dick a few days afterwards. The grin of satisfaction on his face I accepted as an acknowledgement of his mean and cruel revenge. Within a week from that time one of my cows had a horn knocked off.'

'What did thee do then?'

'I went to Dick Hardy and gave him a piece of my mind.'

'That is, thee scolded, and threatened.

'Yes--just so friend Martin.

'Did any good come of it?,

'About as much as if I had whistled to the wind.'

'How has it been since?'

'No change for the better. It grows if any thing worse, and worse. Dick never gets weary of annoying me.'

'Has thee ever tried the law with him, friend Levering! The law should protect thee.'

'O yes I've tried the law. Once he ran his heavy wagon against my carriage purposely, upset me in the road. I made a narrow escape of my life. The carriage was so badly broken that it cost me fifty dollars for repairs. A neighbor saw the whole thing, and said it was plainly intended by Dick. So I sent him the carriage maker's bill, at which he got in a towering passion. Then I threatened him with prosecution, and he laughed in my face malignantly. I felt that the time had come to act decisively, and sued him, relying on the evidence of my neighbor who had seen the affair. But my neighbor was afraid of Dick, and so worked his testimony that the jury saw only an accident instead of a purpose to injure, and gave their verdict accordingly. After that Dick Hardy was worse than ever. He took an evil delight in annoying and injuring me. I am satisfied that in more than one instance he left gaps in his fences in order to entice my cattle in to his fields, that he might set his savage dogs on them, and hurt them with stones. It is more than a child of mine dares to cross his premises. Only last week he tried to put his big dog on my little Florence, who strayed into one of his fields after butter cups. The dog was less cruel than his master, or she would have been torn by his teeth, instead of only being frightened by his bark.'

'It's a hard case truly, friend Lovering. Our neighbor Hardy, seemes possessed with an evil spirit.'

'The very spirit of the devil,' was answered with feeling.

'He's thy enemy, assuredly; and if thee doesn't get rid of him, he will do thee greater harm,'

'I wish I could get rid of him.'

'Thee must, friend Levering if thee would dwell in safety.'

The Quaker's face was growing very serious. He spoke in a lowered voice, and bent towards his neighbor in a confidential manner.

'Thee must put him out of thy way.'

'Friend Martin! The surprise of Paul Levering unfeigned.

'Thee must kill him!'

The countenance of Levering grew blank with astonishment.

'Kill him!' he ejaculated.

'If thee doesn't kill him he'll certainly kill thee, one of these days, friend Levering. And thee knows what is said about self preservation being the first law of nature.'

'And get hung!'

'I don't think they'll hang thee,' coolly returned the Quaker. 'Thee can go over to his place and get him all alone by thyself. Or thee can meet him in some by-road. Nobody need see thee; and when he is dead, I think people will be more glad than sorry. Thee need not fear any bad consequences.'

'Do you think I'm no better than a murderer?' Levering's astonishment passed to horror and indignation. I, Paul Levering stain my hands with blood!'

'Who said aything about staining thy hands with blood?' The Quaker was imperturable.

'Why, you!'

'Thee's mistaken. I never used the word blood.'

'But you ment it. You suggested murder.'

'No; friend Levering. I advise thee to kill thyne enemy, lest, some day he should kill thee.'

'Isn't killing murder, I should like to know?' demanded Levering.

'There are more ways than one to kill an enemy,' said the Quaker. 'I have killed a good many in my time, but no stain of blood can be found on my garments. My way of killing enemies is to make them my friends. Kill neighbor Hardy with kindness, and thee'll have no more trouble with him.' A sudden light gleamed over Mr. Levering's face, as if a cloud had passed from the sun of his spirit:

'A new way to kill people.'

'It is as sure a way as thee will find if thee will only try it.'

'Let me see, how shall I go about it? said Paul Levering, taken at once with the idea. 'If thee has the will friend Levering it will not be long before thee finds the way.'

And so it proved. Not two hours afterwards, as Mr. Levering was driving into the village, he found Dick Hardy, with a stalled cart load of stone. He was whipping his horse, and swearing at him passionately; but to no good purpose. The cart wheels were burried half way to the axle in stiff mud; and defied the strngth of one to move. On seeing Mr. Levering he got into the cart, with his back towards his neighbor, commenced pitching the stones off into the middle of the road.

'Hold on a bit, friend Hardy,' said Levering, in a pleasant voice, as he dismounted and commenced unhitching his horse.

But Dick pretending not to hear him kept on pitching out the stones.

'Hold on I say, and dont give yourself all the trouble,' added Mr. Levering, speaking in a louder voice, but in kind and cheerful tones. 'Two horses are better than one. With Charley's help, we'll soon have the wheels on good solid ground again.

Understanding now what was ment, Dick's hands fell almost nerveless by his side.

'There' said Levering, as he put his horse in front of Dick's, and made fast the traces, 'one pull, and the thing is done.' And before Dick could get down from the cart it was out of the mudhole. Without saying a word more, Levering unfastened his horse from the front of Dick's animal, and hitching up again, rode on.

On the next day, Mr. Levering saw Dick Hardy in the act of strengthening a bit of weak fence through which his (Lovering's) cattle had broken once or twice, thus removing the temptation, and saving the animals from being beaten and set on by dogs.

'Thee's given him a bad wound, friend Levering,' said the Quaker, on getting information of the two incidents just mentioned; 'and it will be thy own fault if thee doesn't kill him outright.'

Not long afterwards, in the face of an approaching storm, and while Dick Hardy was hurrying to get in some clover hay, his wagon broke down. Mr. Levering, who saw from one of his fields the accident, and understood what loss it might occasion, hitched up his own team, and sent it over to Dick's assistance. With a storm coming on that might last for days, and ruin two or three tons of hay, Dick could not decline the offer, though it went terribly against the grain to accept a favor from the man he had hated for years, and injured in so many ways.

On the followinn morning Mr. Levering had a visit from Dick Hardy. It was raining fast. "I have come," said Dick, stammering and confused, and looking down at the ground instead of into Mr. Levering's face, "to pay you for the use of your team yesterday in getting in my hay. I should have lost it if you hadn't sent your wagon and it's only right that I should pay you for the use of it."

"I should be very sorry," answered Paul Levering, cheerily, 'if I could not do a neighborly turn without pay. You were right welcom friend Hardy, to the wagon. I am more than paid in knowing that you saved that nice field of clover. How much did you get?"

"About three tons. But Mr. Levering, I must——

"Not a word if you don't want to offend me," interposed Levering. "I trust there is not a man around here that would not do as much for a neighbor in the time of need. Still, if you feel embarrassed—if you don't wish to stand my debtor, pay me in good will.'

Dick Hardy raised his eyes from the ground slowly, and looked in a strange wondering way at Mr. Levering.

"Shall we not be friends?" Mr Levering reached out his hand. Hardy grasped it with a short, quick grip; then as if to hide feelings that were becoming too strong, dropped it and went off hastily:

'Thee's killed him!' said the Quaker on his next meeting with Levering; 'thy enemy is dead!'

'Slain by the weapons of kindness,' answered Paul Levering, 'which you supplied." "No, thee took them from God's armory, where all men may equip themselves without charge, and become invincible,' replied the Quaker. 'And I trust, for thy own peace and safety, thee will never use any other weapons in fighting with thy neighbors. They are sure to kill."

Moses smote the rock with his rod and a stream gushed forth. Smite a rock hearted boy and two streams will gush forth—one from each eye.

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WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

FEB. 8. 1865.

H. W. HOLLEY - - - - - - - - Editor.

GETTING EXEMPTED.

It is a good deal now-a-days in knowing how to do it. We refer particularly to this matter of getting the signatures of Capt. Chas. H. See, or Surgeon Mayo, to ones exemption papers. Some men quite sickly try it and fail; others quite healthy, try it and win.

It may be entertaining as well as useful, to show up the manner in which this sort of thing now-a days, is being done is this District. Heretofore our knowledge concerning the operations of this Board has been very limited.

It held its headquarters at Rochester a good ways from here, and altho' rumor filled the air with its doings, still rumor frequently misses the truth, and so charity towards accused criminals, bid us be still. But at last this Board came to St. Peter and Mankato, and an opportunity was had to test the truth of what had been otherwheres charged against it as corrupt practices. We now speak with moderation and but echo the best judgment of hundreds who were present at these meetings. when we say that if a venal and corrupt board can be known by its acts, then this board we speak of is one. It is notorious that the operations of these shysters at St. Peter and Mankato, has destroyed, in all those who witnessed their operations, every vestage of faith in their honesty or official integrity. In short their conduct has caused people to know to be true what they had before only heard rumored, to wit; That this board was operating in the name of the United States and in its official capacity to trade, and bargain, and sell, and dicker their exemptions to those who had the inclination and means to pay therefor.

People in this part of the State, before this board came to these places, had an idea that this exemption business was conducted honorably and fairly, but now they know better, and further that the pockets of these wretches are lined with greenbacks obtained under the flimsey pretext of "private examination," but really stolen from those who could not get an examination from this board otherwise than by paying for the same.

As an instance in point, Mr. Dustin, the county Treasurer of this county, presented himself to be examined for disease of the lungs. He was told the crowd was too great to give him a fair chance during the day, but if he would come to the surgeons room at night he would be thoroughly examined. He goes in the evening and pays said surgeon five dollars for the examination. Mr. Raymond of the town of Guthrie had to borrow ten Dollars, five to go to the pimps of the concern, and five to the concern itself, to pay for his papers, and he got them. Jimmy Harman of Prescott township, presented himself to the board and claimed exemption on account of phthisic. He was told to go out as they did not examine for such kind of Disease. He went out and his friends went before a Justice and made oath that he had the phthisic bad, and then put these papers into the hands of Ex Rev. Stein who said he should want five dollars for himself, and five dollars for the Surgeon, to get the case through. After a little bantering, he finally accepted $6,50 and got the exemption papers for Jimmy on account of phthisic, although he had not been examined by the surgeon at all.

These cases show how the thing was done, both at St. Peter and Mankato. Outside physicians, lawyers and ex-preachers like Stein, were offering to put men through and get their papers at prices varying from $10 to $50, according to the healthiness of the subject. These pimps and shysters were allowed free access to the board at all hours with their "got up" papers while hundreds who did'nt know how the thing was done were standing two days trying to get in in the regular order, and who finally were unless their cases were extreme ones, uncermoniously and ungentlemanly kicked out to learn the ropes before they come there again. It is a good thing indeed to know how to do it, as friend Hoyt of Verona township can testify, whose exemption papers read for loss of teeth but who can show you to-day as perfect a set of natural ivory as any man in the state.

To show in what public estimation this board is held in the eastern part of the state, we have it from Mr. J. C. Easton of Chatfield that he himself was approached by a hanger on, or a hanger about, or an attache of this board, and confidentially told that for $300 he would get him his exemption papers for all time. If these men are honest men, and cannot by their conduct and acts prevent such a general feeling as exists about here, that they are knaves they ought to be removed as fools, but if these things are true of them, they then should be turned out of office as corrupt knaves. It is a burning disgrace to the State that such a board should be tolerated any longer. We propose to ventilate their case again, but this is enough for this time.

We are frequently in receipt of letters asking for information concerning the country crops &c. and generally we try to answer such by letter, giving the desired information, but once in a while we get a letter from a corespondent, asking for more intelligence than we can well condense into the contracted lines of a sheet of letter paper. The following is one of that sort, and as it is one of a class, we print it entire, also our answers numbered to corespond with the inquiries. We trust that it may be found satisfactory.

New York Jan. 12th 1865.

H. W. HOLLEY: Having served my country as a sutler's clerk for almost two years and five months, and having received an honorable discharge, I am now prepared with a few Greenbacks in my pocket to return to Minnesota, provided I can engage in some respectable business.

1st. Please inform me if there is a Hotel to let in your place or vicinity.

2nd What is a small Farm worth with a few acres improved?

3d. What is the price of land?

4th. Will you assist me to locate a good "Quarter" under the Homestead Law?

5th. What is a good Horse worth?

6th What does Wheat, Corn, Oats and other produce sell for?

7th Let me know the price of Cattle and Sheep?

8th How is business generally?

9th Has there been much emigration in the last two years?

10th. How does your Rail Road progress?

11th Please answer the above questions, with all other information at your earliest convenience. I shall remain here a few days, and then go to Michigan to visit my friends.

Yours Truly

F. G. RAYMOND.

ANSWER.

1st Nary Hotel.

2nd Small farms, as Uncle Abe would say, are as a general rule cheaper than larger ones.

3d Land varies from 50cts to $30 per acre.

4th Will assist you.

5th More than a poor one, and not as much as a Mare.

6th Wheat Corn and Oats, invaribly sell for cash.

7th Prices vary according to breed, condition &c., but as a general rule they bring the market price.

8th Right smart.

9th Yes, "Much."

10th Slowly.

11th For "all other information," I refer you to the great American Encyclopeedie published by the Appletons N. Y. in 14 large volumes. My impression is. if you can't get "all other information" from those books, it can't be had by you this side of the grave.

We are under obligations to Andrew C. Dunn Esq. chief clerk of the House of Representatives, for the Report of the State Geologist. It is a luminous work, principally made up by extracts from Prof. Owen's old work, and the rest of it bearing unmistakable evidence that the geological corps were drunk most of the time they were on duty last Summer. This internal evidence in the book itself corresponds with reliable information of their doings which reaches us from other sources. If the State of Minnesota has really got more money than she knows what to do with she should continue this lake Superior Geological humbuggery.

FROM ADMIRAL PORTER.

Washington, Jan. 26. The navy department to day received the following report from Rear Admiral Porter:

"North Atlantic Squadron, U. S. Flag Ship Melvern, off Smithville, N. C, Jan. 20.—In my last I informed you that Fort Caswell had been blown up and evacuated, in consequence of the fall of Fort Fisher. I sent Lieutenant Cushing around in the Monticello to the western bar to ascertain what had taken place, and to obtain aid from the officers in command of the New York and Vicksburg. Lieut. Cushing did not obtain the aid he required, for what reason I have not yet learned but, with his usual energy he pushed on and found that fort Caswell had been blown up. Baldhead Fort was destroyed, Fort Shaw also, and Fort Campbell to the westward of Caswell, was abandoned. All these forts mounted 9 and 10 inch guns and Armstrong 150 pounders. Lieut. Cushing then pushed into Smithville. After hoisting the flag of the Union over Caswell, the next I saw was the flag waving over Smithville, which the rebels had left in a great hurry, after they saw our boats approaching, leaving everything in the beautiful and heavy fort uninjured, and two 9 inch guns only spiked in the fort at Deep Water point.

In the meantime I had succeeded in getting one gunboat, the Tacony, over the Rip, an interior bar, and sent her up to Reeve's point to disable the guns at that place, about three miles on the west side of the river above Fort Fisher. Thus in twenty-four hours after the fall of Fort Fisher and its out works, all the formidable chain of forts on this river at its entrance built to keep out anything, have fallen into our hands. They are garrisoned for the present with sailors. I can scarcely give a description of these works. They are certainly the most formidable and the best built earthworks I ever saw, and do credit to the engineer who planned them.

Fort Caswell is of the same shape as it was before it fell into the rebel hands except that the rebels have covered its walls with earth on the outside and made them almost impervious to shot and shell. It is in many respects stronger than Fort Fisher and harder to take by assault. Still it could be taken and the rebels knew it. Three or four gunboats outside would soon have started them out.

I have had great difficulty in getting the gunboats over the bar and the rips, and only succeeded this morning in getting the last one through.

The rebels left plenty of good stores and provissions, and our men are now subsisting on them.

I send you a list of the forts that have fallen into our hands since Fort Fisher, with the number and calabrie of their guns. We have found here in each fort an Armstrong gun with the broad arrow on it, and the name "Sir Wm. Armstrong" marked in full. As the British government claims the exclusive right to use these guns, it would be interesting to know how they came into forts held by the southern rebels.

I find that immense quantities of provisions, stores and clothing have come through this port. I am almost afraid to mention the amount, but it is enough to supply over 600,000 men. It is all English and they have received the last cargo. No more will ever come this way.

We picked up a telegram from Gen. Lee to his subordinate here, saying that if Forts Fisher and Caswell were not held, he would have to evacuate Richmond. He says most truly, and I should not be at all surprised if he left at any moment.

We have plenty of force to hold this place against the whole Southern Confederacy. I have 250 guns bearing on the narrow strip of land where our troops are heavily intrenched. There are vessels in the river and outside, and we only hope they will attempt to retake it. Ten thousand men in Fort Fisher, with the guns of the squadron, would hold this place a long time.

We find this a better place to catch blockade runners than outside. I had the blockade runners lights lit last night and was obliging enough to answer their signals, whether right or wrong we don't know. Two of them—the Stag and Charlotte—from Bermuda, loaded with arms, blankets, shoes, etc., came in and quietly anchored near the Malvern, and were taken possession of. The Stag was commanded by Richard A. Gayle lieutenant in the rebel navy, and belongs to the rebel government. A number more are expected, and we will, I hope, catch a portion on them. I intrusted this duty to Lieut. Cushing, who performed it with his usual good luck and intelligence. These two are very fast vessels and are valuabl prizes. They threw a portion of their papers overbord immediately on finding they were trapped. The Charlette brings five English passengers, one of them an English aymy officer. They all came over, as they expressed it, on a lark, and were making themselves quite joliy in the cabin over their champaign, felicitating themselves on their safe arrival. The Stag received three shots in her as she ran by our blockaders outgide.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't
(signed) David D. Porter,
Rear Admiral.

To Gidon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, Washington.

Peace Rumors.

Rebel proposition to Mr. Blair. His answer.

New York, Jan., 26.

The Herald's Washington special says that the city is filled with peace rumors. The correspondent states that a member of Jeff. Davis' cabinet had made a proposition of inquiry of Mr. Blair while he was in Richmond to this effect.

If the rebel Government were willing to give up the contest, would the United States be willing to forego emancipation, confiscation, &c., and permit them to dispose of their cotton and leave the country for Mexico, with the understanding that no obstacle should be placed in the way of the private soldier of the southern army, at least all who may desire to follow the leaders into that country. If that would be consented to they would bind themselves to drive the French under Maximilian out of Mexico, secure the full control of the Government, and if necessary pledge its ultimate annexation to the United States.

Mr. Blair stated in reply that the North would not in any contingency abandon the idea of emancipation, but that our Government was willing to be merciful as far as confiscation was concerned.

An English Millionaire.

A London correspondent of the Chicago Journal writes:

"I mentioned not long ago the death of the millionaire Gurnew. His will has just been made public. I think I told you it cost seventy-five thousand dollars to prove it. His personal property, it appears, is valued at eleven hundred thousand pounds (say $5,500,000.) and his real estate was enormous. Altogether he left property to the amount of at least twenty (and I have seen it stated as high as seventy-five) millions of dollars. I have gone carefully over the charitable bequests in his will, and they amount to exactly the sum of five thousand two hundred pounds, or about twenty-five thousand dollars the annual salary of an American President, or an English retired Lord Chancellor. He left a few bequests of very small sums, to old and faithful domestics, and everything else goes to his relatives. You will remember that the name of Gurney used to be synonymous with the words "philanthropic," "charitable," etc. The world has now an opportunity to judge how far this reputation was merited.

MARRIED.

At Chain Lakes Centre. Jan. 27th by Rev J. C. Strong, Henry Johnson and Sarah Ann Richardson. Both of Fair Mount.

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All those knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of McCormick and Taplin, or Mill account, will take notice that by agreement with said firm all such debts are to be paid to the undersigned.

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TOWN MEETING.

Pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, there will be a Special Town Meeting of the legal voters of the Town of Winnebago City, held at Moulton's Hall at the village of Winnebago City, on Monday, the 6th day of February, 1865, to vote upon a proposition to pay a bounty of $400, to each person enlisting on or before the 15th day of February, 1865, to the credit of said town, under the last call of the President for 300,000 men. Said money to be raised by issuing Town Bonds payable in two years with 12 per cent. interest. The polls will be opened at said Hall in said village, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and closing at five o'clock P. M.

Winnebago City, Jan. 25. 1865.

R. B. JOHNSON.
14w1 Town Clerk.

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Mankato, March 7th 1864. 21y1

U.S. 7-30 LOAN

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that subscriptions will be received for Cupon Treasury Notes payable three years from Aug. 15th 1864, semi-annual interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum,—principal and interest both to be paid in lawful money.

These notes will be covertable at the option of the holder at maturity, into six per cent. gold bearing bonds, payable not less than five nor more than twenty years from their date, as the Government may elect. They will be issued in denominations of $50, $100, $500, $1,000 and $5,000, and all subscriptions must be for fifty dollars or some multiple of fifty dollars.

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Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer of the United States, at Washington, the several Assistant Treasurers and designated Depositaries, and by the

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And by all National Banks which are depositaries of public money, and

ALL RESPECTABLE BANKS AND BANKERS

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October 26, 1864. 1.52m2

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PROSPECTUS OF THE

Atlantic for '65.

The Number for January, 1865, begins the Fifteenth Volume of the "Atlantic Monthly."—The publishers state that they have made such arrangements for the coming year as will convince their readers that they intended to maintain the present position and popularity of their magazine. They can now announce definitely the following features of the New Volume:

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, will contribute a new series of Domestic Papers, with the title of "The Chimney-Corner."

Donald C. Mitchell, author of "Reveries of a Bachelor," will begin in early number a story with the title of "Dr. Johns."

Prof. Goldwin Smith, of the University of Oxford, has engaged to write regularly during the year, on topics of interest to American readers.

Prof. Agassiz has in preparation another series of his interesting and valuable Scientific Papers.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's Papers furnish some scenes from his unfinished work, "The Doliver Romance," which will appear in the coming volume.

Fitz-Hugh Ludlow will continue his admirable sketches of travel and adventure.

George Augusta Sala, the the well known novelist and magazineist, will contribute a series of papers similar to those written by him in Dickens' "Household Words," and "All the Year Round." The first paper will be a sketch of George Cruikshank.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall will contribute to the New Volume Memories of Authors they have known, including many interesting reminiscences of Moore and other literary celebrities.

The Author of "Ten Acres ENOUGH" will furnish the Atlantic with regular articles of strikingly original character.

In addition to the features above enumerated, other interesting ones are in preparation. The magazine will still be favored with constant contributions from its regular staff of writers, whose names are familiar to the reading public as those of the

First American Authors.

The Atlantic will continue to furnish to its readers the best Essays, Sketches, Poems, Stories, Political and Historical Papers, and Miscellany of all kinds which American talent can supply.

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TICKNOR & FIELDS,
Publishers, Boston.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

We have received from our old friend Seely of the 2nd Minn, several copies of the Savannah Republican, a loyal little daily now being published in Savannah Georgia. The tone of the paper must be decidedly refreshing to the 20,000 people of that City who for the last four years have had for mental food, the bitterest kind of treason! Hayes formerly of the New York Tribune Office is publisher and proprietor. 'Before he gets through with them, the people of that section will all be abolitionists of the darkest dye. For the first time in the history of Savannah a Northern man opposed to slavery can go there and print a paper. In less than six months the people of that City will be inoculated, with his free soil doctrines, and will be as fond of free institutions as they used to be of slave.

☞There is an effort being made to amend the Constitution of this State so as to allow Negroes to vote. This is right, as there is no reason why a Negro should not vote as well as a white man. If we had the amending of our Constitution, we would how ever make it, so that no person should be allowed to vote who could not read. If the Legislature would submit such a proposition to the people we believe it would be adopted by a large majority. Let intelligence instead of color be the passport to voting priviliges: What say you gentlemen of the Legislature? Give us a chance at it.

☞The bill granting Swamp lands to aid in building a Rail Road through the Southern tier of counties, passed the House on the 31st of January, by a vote of 34 to 4. There is not much doubt but that it will pass the Senate and become a law.

☞We were told on good authority the other day, that there is but one Hotel between this place and the Mississippi River where liquor is sold. Town pride prevents us telling where that one is.

speaking. and [illegible] vote taken in this town on wehn she w.. last to decide whether a bounty of .. a day, .. should be paid to volunteers resulted as follows:—Yeas 51, nays 17.

Now is THE TIME TO ENLIST.— The undersigned is now prepared to receive recruits for the 1st Regt. Heavy Artillery. Now is the time to secure a position in this branch of the service. He will leave this town for St. Paul on Friday morning next, all wishing to join us should be on hand Thursday eve. He can be found at the "Homestead" printing office. Come, fall in boys, I know you don't want to be drafted. J. L CHRISTIE.

THE LADIE'S FRIEND.—We think we have seldom seen a more touchingly beautiful engraving than that which embellishes the February number of this magazine. It is called "The Prisoner's Child," and is a story in itself. The face of the girl is full of indescribed sadness, and as she feeds the birds outside the prison bars, we long to apeak some words of pity to her. The double steel fashion plate for this month is a very handsome one, both in design and execution: the contrast between the colors is especially fine. The other fashions and engravings of fancy-work are as usual varied and well executed. The music for this month is the "Linden Hall Polka." The Literary contents are "The Norlands;" "The Cooper Shop Story," showing how one of the New England ladies in the olden times, before "Women's Rights" were invented, acted in the spirit of a leap year,(a true story by the way); "A Story of a Household," by Mrs. Hosmer; "Better Than Chestnuts," an amusing tale of Frances Lee; "Nearly Lost," by Laura J. Rittenhouse; "Frances Haley," by Clara Augusta; "Hopeful Ray," by Minnie W. May; "Not Much of a Martyr After All," by F. H. Stauffer; "Going Home," bo Ida Mason; Curious Styles of Head Dresses in the last Century, Editor's Department, &c., &c.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners on the Estate of Richard Chatfield, (deceased) of East Chain Lakes Minnesota, will hold a meeting at 9 o'clock A.M on the 4th Wednesday of every Month, at the house of the Hon. Judge of Probate, at Chain Lakes Centre, until all Claims are presented and adjusted according to law.

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A Great Bridge over the Mississippi.

The great bridge to carry the line of the Northwestern Railway across the Mississippi river at Rock Island, which has been in progress of construction for the past year, has just been completed, and was last week formerly opened; a party of one hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen from Chicago uniting with a large number of people from the surrounding country, in celebrating the event. Gen. Baker of Iowa, threw a bottle of wine into the channel of the Mississippi and christianed the structure "Clinton Bridge." The Chicago Journal describes the bridge as follows:

The total length of the bridge as built is 3,650 feet. Of this distance 2,000 feet is between the Illinois shore, and Little Rock Island, and 830 feet between Little Rock Island and the Iowa shore. The bridge east of Little Rock Island consists of 1,400 feet of piling and seven spans of 200 feet each of McCallum's patent truss. The truss bridges rest upon piers and abutments of masonry founded on piles. West of the Island the bridge consists of three spans of the Howe truss bridge beside the draw. Two spans of the Howe truss bridge are 175 feet long each and one span 200 feet long. The draw is 300 feet long over all, and is built of iron on the plan known as Bollman's patent. The abutments and one of the piers are founded on rock, a second pier is founded on piles, and a third pier and a draw pier are built upon crib work, resting on loose sand. These cribs are sunk in the water 40 feet deep. The large crib is 400 feet long and 44 feet wide, and the smaller is 160 feet long and 44 feet wide on the bottom. The masonry is of the most substantial description, and is built of Athens stone.

The draw, turns on a pivot in the centre, and when open, leaves two clear passage ways for steamboats, 123 feet each. The iron draw weight draws about 325 tons, and is an admirable piece of workmaship. The ends when being swung are supported by iron rods, which pass over the tope of the centere towers. When it is desired to turn the bridge, the ends are lifted from off their piers by means of a hydraulic press which lifts the caps of the central tower through which the main suspension rods pass,—and then the bridge is moved by a steam engine standing on the upper chord. Arrangements are also made whereby the bridg can be turned by hand, if necessary.

The Galena divisinn of Northwestern Railway extends westward in unbroken line to Nevel, a distance of 322 miles from Chicago. Early in the spring, trains will run to Boonsboro, 55 miles farther west, where coal of a superior quality abounds.

Seward's Letter to Lord Wharncliffe.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 11.

The insulting letter of Mr. Seward, refusing to receive the amount raised at a fair in England for the benefit of the Confederate prisoners, and distinctly imputing to the English the crime of being the authors of all the troubles in America, is received by the London Times with commendable meekness. Not a spark of resentment or of spirit lights up the sluggish comments on that remarkable document. The British Lion is a designation which can hereafter be only ironically applied to Great Britain. The king of beasts is not in the habit of being bearded in his own den with impunity. The patient ass would be a more appropriate emblem of a Government which bears anything that can be put upon it, and greatly prefers provender to battle. There was a time when the sword of England would have leaped from its scabbard at the slightest of the provocations, now innumerable, which it has received from the United States. But that day has passed. Its chivalry has fallen into the sere and yellow leaf. Its people are as brave and manly as ever, but the spirit of trade and money-getting has deadened the sentiment of honor and the canker of a long peace has eaten out the pith and vitality of military pride. Ever since the downfall of the Tory party, and the predominance in the national councils of the commercial interest, national chivalry has been dead in England. The Tories, with all their faults and errers, were the British Lion. That king of beasts disappeared with them.

It is not possible that he is still in his old cage, when Brother Jonathan can poke the longest kind of pole into it every day without eliciting a single roar.

We agree for once with W. H. Seward when he says that England is responsible for the present calamities of this continent, and that our once prosperous and happy States are now the scenes of almost unparalleled bloodshed and misery, the responsibility rests upon Great Britain. The anti-slavery party in the North would have died out long ago but for the inspirations it received from a country to which all Americans were in the habit of looking for lessons in civilization and morals.

By books of travels, by novels, by songs, by sermons, by reviews, Exeter Halls and political emissaries, by contributions of money, by diplomacy, by social and religions influences; in fine, by every instrumentality that could be brought to bear upon the Northern mind, so as to instigate and inflame it to sectional hostility against those States of the Union in which slavery existed.— The most distinguished Southern statesman, on a visit to her capitol, was ostentatiously slighted by the nobility, and a fugitive slave publicly petted by the same Dutchess of Southerland who dispossessed her white tenantry in Scotland to convert their farms into sheepwalks.

The South never had a friend in England til this war broke out. Was all this philanthrophy? Every child knows that England has been the greatest slave-trader in the world, and herself planted the institution here which suddenly become so abhorrent to her moral sense. Even an idiot can understand that she only used anti-slavery as a wedge to accomplish the disruption of a hated and formidable power, and hence, now that her object is accomplished, she preserves a "rigid neutrality," and takes sides with neither, "belligerants."

But the day of retribution will one day come. We are beginning to think that that day is not far distant. Her hold upon the magnificent province of Canada is precarious, and her ancient domination of the seas may ere long be successfully disputed. We have no doubt she sympathizes with "the rebellion," and wishes that it would last forever: but it is only that her own prosperity may be built upon the common ruin of the United States and the Confederacy.

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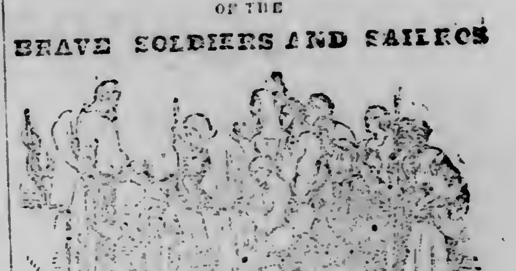

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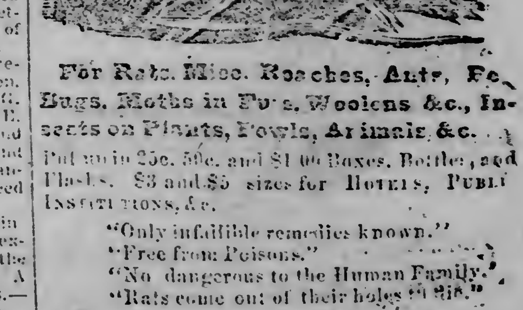

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Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before the said register or receiver that he or she is the head of a family, or is twenty-one or more years of age, or shall have performed service in the army or navy of the United States, and that he has never borne arms against the Government of the United States or given aid and comfort to its enemies, and that such application is made for his or her exclusive use and benefit, and that said entry is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; and upon filing the said affidavit with the register or receiver, and on payment of ten dollars, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified: Provided however, That no certificate shall be given or patent issued therefore until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, or at any time within two years thereafter the person making such entry—or if he be dead, his widow; or in case of her death—shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she, or they have resided upon or cultivated the same for the term of five years immediately succeeding the time of filing the affidavit aforesaid, and shall make affidavit that no part of said land has been alienated, and that he has borne true allegiance to the Government of the United States; then, in such case he, she, or they, if at that time a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to a patent, as in other cases provided for by law; And provided, further, That in case of the death of both father and mother, leaving an infant child, or children, under twenty-one years of age the right and fee shall enure to the benefit of said infant child or children; and the executor, administrator, or guardian may, at any time within two years after the death of the surviving parent, and in accordance with the laws of the State in which such children for the time being have their domicil, sell said land for the benfit of said infants, but for no other purpose; and the purchaser shall acquire the absolute title by the purchase, and be entitled to a patent from the United States on payment of the office fees and sum of money herein specified.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted. That the register of the land office shall note all such applications on the track books and plats of his office, and keep a register of all such entries, and make return thereof to the General Land Office, together with the proof upon which they have been founded.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That no lands acquired under the provision of this act shall in any event become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of the patent thereof.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That if, at any time after the filing of the affidavit, as required in the second section of this act, and before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, it shall be proven, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the land office. that the person having filed such affidavit shall have actually changed his or her residence, or abandoned the said land for more than six months at any time, then and in that event the land so entered shall revert to the Government.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no individual shall be permitted to acquire title to more than one quarter section under the provisions of this act; and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this act that they are now entitled to receive when the same quantity of land is entered with money, one half to be paid by the person making the application at the time of so doing, and the other half on the issue of the certificate by the person, to whom it may be issued; but this shall not be construed to enlarge the maximum of compensation now prescribed by law for any register or receiver: Provided, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: And provided, further, That all persons who may have filed their applications for a pre-emption right prior to the passage of this act shall be entitled to all the privileges of this act: Provided, further, That no person who has served, or may hereafter serve, for a period of not less than fourteen days in the army or navy of the United states, either regular or volunteer, under the laws thereof, during the existence of an actual war, domestic or foreign, shall be deprived of the benefits of this act on account of not having attained the age of twenty one years.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the fifth section of the act entitled "An act in addition to an act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United states, and for other purposes," approved the third of March, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty seven, shall extend to all oaths, affirmations, and affidavits, required or authorized by this act.

sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent any person who has availed him or herself of the benefits of the first section of this act from paying the minimum price, or the price to which the same may have graduated, for the quantity of land so entered at any time before the expiration of the five years, and obtaining a patent therefor from the Government, as in other cases provided by law, on making proof of settlement and cultivation as provided by existing laws granting pre-emption rights.

GALUSHA A. GROW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. FOOT,
President pro tem. of the senate.

Approved, May 20, 1862.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
President of the United states.

The following is the amendment to the Homestead Law, which passed Congress on the 15th of March, 1864.

Amendment of The Homestead law.

The bill provides that in case of any person desirous of availing himself of the benefits of the homestead act of May 20, 1862, but who, by reason of actual service in the military or naval service of the United States, is unable to do the personal preliminary acts at the district land office which that act requires, it shall and may be lawful for such person to make the affidavit required by that act before the officer commanding in the branch of the service in which he may be engaged, which affidavit shall be as binding in law, and with like penalties, as if taken before the register or receiver; and upon such affidavit being filed with the register by the wife or other representative of the party, shall become effective from the date of filing, provided the application and affidavit are accompanied by the fee and commissions as required by law.

The second section provides that besides the ten dollar fee exacted by the homestead act, the applicant shall hereafter pay to the register and receiver each, as commissions, at the time of entry, one per cent, upon the cash price as fixed by law of the land applied for, and like commissions when the claim is finally established and the certificate therefore issued as the basis of a patent.

The third section provides that in any case hereafter in which the applicant for the benefit of the homestead is prevented, by reason of distance, bodily infirmity or other good cause, from personal attendance at the district land office, he may make the affidavit required by the original statute before the clerk of the court for the county in which he is an actual resident, and transmit the same, with the fee and commissions, to the register and receiver.

The fourth section provides that in lieu of the fee allowed by the twelfth section of the preemption act of 4th September 1841, the register and receiver shall each be entitled to one dollar for their services in acting upon preemption claims and shall be allowed, jointly, at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred words for the testimony which may be reduced by them to writing for claimants, in establishing preemption or homestead rights,

The sixth section provides that where a preemptor has taken the initiatory steps required by existing laws in regard to actual settlement, and is called away from such settlement by being actually engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, and by reason of such absence is unable to appear at the district land office to make before the register or receiver the affidavits required by the thirteenth section of the preemption act of 4th September, 1841, the time for filing such affidavit and making final proof and entry or location shall be extended six months after the expiration of his term of service, upon satisfactory proof, by affidavit, or the testimony of witnesses, that the said preemptor is so in the service, being filed with the register of the land office for the district in which his settlement is made,

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As we are now upon the threshold of a new year, when prudent merchants are accustomed to sum up the past and plan for the future,—we wish to say a few words to them about ourselves. Our paper was started now nearly a year since, to meet the obvious necessity for a reliable Weekly Commercial Journal in this great and growing metropolis. To the attainment of this end we have devoted all our energies and our continued success (which has fare ceeded our expectations) emboldens us to reckon largely upon the future. What our paper is it will speak foritself to those who will carefully examine its various departments. Those who have not an opportunity to do this are respectfully referred to any of its numerous patrons whose advertising favors are and have been displayed in its columns.

We have differed somewhat from the Commercial Weeklies of New York and Boston, by giving place to subjects of permanent value in the domains of Agriculture, Literature and news, as well as Commerce, that our paper might be acceptable to every business man, not only as a reliable commercial reference but as one that never fails to contain something upon various other subjects which is new. interestin gand worthy to be read. We have carefully avoided all common place matter and shall continue to do so; but our best efforts will be given to maintain our reputation as a standard Commercial authority and a prompter of pure morals, harmless mirth, enlightened literature and reliable agricultural news.

It will be perceived that we have often quoted largely from those excellent agricultural papers, the "American Agriculturist and the "Working Farmer," both of New York city. With their kind permission we shall continue to do so, as we know of no papers in this country or elsewhere more worthy of reference. No good farmer should be without them and none will when they come to know their value. At the same time we read all other standard American as well as Foreign Agricultural publications, and when we find anything new and striking, we give it place in our columns.

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Artemus Ward In Boston.

He Writes Home to his Wife.

DEAR BETSY: I write you this from Boston, "the Modern Atkins," as it is denomyunated, altho' I scurcely know those air. I'll giv you a kursoory view of this city. I'll klasify the paragrafs under separate headins, arter the saile of those Emblems of Tooth and Poerity, the Washington correspondent.

COPPS' HILL.

The winder of my room commands a exiliratin veiw of Coops' Hill, where Cotton Mather, the father of the Reformers and sich, lies berrid. There is men even now who worship Cotton, and there is wimin who wear him next to their harts. But I do not weep for him. He's been dead too lengthy.

I'm not goen to be absurd, like old Mr. Skillins, in our naberhood, who is ninety-six years and gets drunk every lection day, and weeps bitturly bekaus he haint got no parents. He's a nice Orphan, he is.

BUNKER HILL.

Bunker Hill is over yonder in Charles town. In 1775 a thrillin' dramy was acted out, in which the "Warren Commission" played star parts.

MR. FANUEL.

Old Mr. Fannel is dead, but his Hall is still into full blast. This is the Cradle in which the Goddes of Liberty was rocked. The Goddess hain't bin very well durin the past few years, and the num'ris quack doctors she called in didn't help her nun; but the old gal's physicians now are men who understand their bisines, Major-generaly speaking, and I think the day is near wehn she will be able to take her three meals a day, and sleep nights as com'fably as in the old time.

THE COMMON.

It is here, as ushil; and the low cuss who called it a Wacant Lot, and wanted to know why they didn't ornament it with some Buildin's, is a onhappy outset in Naposit.

THE LEGISLATUR.

The State House is filled with States men, but sum of 'em wear queer hats. They buy 'em, I take it, of hatters who carry on hat stores down stairs in Deck Square, and whose hats is either ten years ahead of the prevalen' stile, or ten years behind it—jest as a intellectooal person sees fit to think about. I had the pleasure of talkin' with several members of the legislatur I told 'em the eye of 1,000 ages was onto we American people of to day. They seemed deeply impressed by the remark, and wanted to know if I had seen the Great Origin?

HARVARD COLLEGE.

This celebrated institootion of learnin is pleasantly situated in the Bar room Parker's, in school street, and has peoples from all over the country

I had a letter yesterda, by the way, from our mutual son, Artemus Jr., who is at Boiwdoin College in Maine. He writes that he's a Bowdoin Arab, & is it come to this? Is this boy I nused with a parent's care in his childhood's—is he goin to be great American humorest? Alars! I fear it is to troo. Why didn't I bind him out to the patent travelen vegitable pill man, as I was struck with his appearance at our last country Fair, & wanted him to go with him to be a pillist? Ah, these boys little know how the old foaks worra about 'em. But my father he never had no occasion to worry about me. You know Betsy, that when I fust commenced my career as a moral exhibitor with a six-legged cat and a Bass drum, I was only a simple peasant child—skurce 15 summers had flowed over my youthful hed. But I had sum mind of my own. My father understood this. "Go," he said—"go, my son, and hog the public!" (he meant "knock em," but the old man was alus a little given to slang) He kept his withered han trembling onto me my hed and went sadly into the house. I thot I saw tears trinklin down his chin, but it might have been tobacker jooce. He chawd.

LITERATOOR.

The Atlantic Monthly, Betsy, is a reg'lar viistor to our western hum. I like it because it has got sense. It don't print story's about piruts and honest young men into 'em, making the pirates splendid fellers, and the honest young men disagreeable idiots—so that our darters very natturally prefer the piruts to the honest young idiots; but give us good square American literatoor. The chaps that write for the Atlantic, Betsy, understand their bisness. They can sling ink, they can. I went in and saw 'em. I told 'em that theirs was a hi and holy mission. They seemed quite gratified, and asked me if I had seen the Great Orgin.

WHERE THE FUST BLUD WAS SPILT.

I went over to Lexington yesterday. My Boosom hove with sollum emotoins. "and this,' I said to a man driven yoke of oxen, 'this is where our forefathers asserted their independence and spilt their blud, Classic ground."

'Wall' the man said, 'it's good for white beans and potates, but as regards to raisen wheat, t'aint worth a dam. Have you seen the Great Orgin?'

THE PUTTY GIRL.

I returned in the Hoss Car part way. A pooty girl in specks sot near me, and was tellin a young man how much he reminded her of a man she used to know, in Waltham. Putty soon the young man got out, and' smilin in seductive manner, I said to the girl with spectacles, 'Don,t I remind you of somebody you used to know?'

'Yes' she she said, 'you remind me of one man, but he was sent to penitentiary for stealin a barl of fish—he died there, so I concloed you ain't him.' I dident pursoo the conversation. I only heard her silvery voice once more durin the remainder of the journey. Turnen to an old lady of advanced summers, she asked her if she had seen the Great Orgin.

WILD GAME.

Altho far from the prahayraies there is abundance of wild game in Boston, such as quails, snipes, plover and Props.

COMMON SKOOLS.

A excelent skool sissem is in vogy here. John Slurk, my old pardner, has a little son who has only bin to skool 2 months and yet he exhiberted his daddies purformin Bear in the show all last summer. I hope they pay particlar tention to spellin in these skools because if a man kant spel wel hes of no kount.

SUMMIN UP.

I ment to have allooded to the grate orgin in this letter, but I havent seen it Mr. Revere, whose tavern I stop at, informs me that it can be distinctly heard through a smoked glass in his nativ town in New Hampshire any clear day But setten the grate orgin aside Boston is one of the grandest, sure-footedest, clear-headest, comfort-ablest cities on the globe. Oalike evry other large city I was ever in, the most of the hackmen dont seem to have bin speshully intended by natur for the burglery perfession and it's about the only large city I know of where you dont enjoy a brilyant opurtunity of bein swindled in some way from the risin of the sun to 2 the goin down thereof.

Kiss the children for me. What you tell me about the twins greeves me sorely When I sent em that Toy enjine I had not contempyulated that they would so far forget what wer doo the dignete of our house as to squirt dish watir on the Inkum Tax Collector I send to Amelia Ann our oldest dawter sum new moosick viz: "Im Lonely sints My Mother-in-law-Died;" "Dear Mother, What tho the Hand that Spanked me in my Childhood Hour is Withered now?" &c. Those song writers, by the way, ar doin the Mother Bisines rather to muchly.

Your own troo husban.
ARTEMUS.

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Is prepared to do all kinds of work entrusted to him with promptness and dispatch.
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Winnebago City Minn. Aug. 31st '64 44tf

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Leaves Blue Earth City, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
The Proprietor guarantees satisfaction to all who may entrust business to him.
Winnebago City, Jan. 1864. n13v2tf

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WATCH AND JEWELRY ESTABLISHMENT.
Having had several years experience in one of the largest establishments in Philadelphia, I can assure the public that all work left in my charge will be executed in the neatest and most durable manner.
EDMUND BECKMAN.
Mankato. 20y1 Dec. 4th, 186

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1000 Bushels of CORN at the Mill.
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McCORMICK & TAPLIN.

THE INVER MURDER.

HASTINGS, Feb. 5, 1865.

EDITORS ST. PAUL PRESS.

The late trial of Thomas Eagen, one of the Inver Grove murderers, at the District Court in this country, has developed a state of things which may awaken the greatest anxiety and alarm in the minds of all who regard the administration of justice essential for the suppression of crime, and the protection of person and property.

From the first, there has seemed to be a combination formed on the part of the countrymen of the accused, to defeat the ends of justice, and to secure the acquittal of the murderer of Geo. Arnold.

The Grand Jury, at the late term, consisted of only sixteen persons, six of whom were from the "Emerald Isle," and notwithstanding the evidence was most overwhelming against Thomas Eagan and Hugh McCue, yet for days after the evidence was closed, not one of these six Irishmen on the Jury would agree to the finding of an indictment against their fellow countrymen. No instructions from the Court, nor the plainest language of criminal law, seemed to make the least impression upon their minds. Stubborn and unyielding, day after day, would they go to the jury room, and they did not seem to

"Count that day lost, whose low decending sun,
Viewed from their hand no worthy action done."

Fearing that the remainder of the winter would be spent in the jury room or from some other cause, two young men of the six, wheeled into line, and united with the ten, who, from the first had stood firm. Thus, and thus only, was an indictment found, which was evidently distasteful to the four remaining patriots!

When the case came up in Court, the facts in selecting a jury you gave in a late article, and if you knew all the surroundings, you would not be at a loss to know how such a jury came to be selected.

The evidence adduced on the part of the part was clear and conclusive, and traced the intention to commit the crime from before leaving Willoughby's Hotel, where a threat was made to do the deed, up to the slaying of his helpless and unarmed victim; and the last act in the dreadful tragedy was witnessed by Thos. Hall, and sworn to by him upon the stand, and all attempts to impeach his veracity on the part of the defense, utterly failed, and the crime of wilful murder rested upon the prisoner as clear as the sun at noon-day.

In opening for the defense, the counsel proposed to prove a variety of things, which would show the innocence of his client, but he utterly failed to establish one single point or position taken at the opening, and although a score of Irishmen and Irish women showed their willingness to aid in the defense of "me counthrymen," by their wilful and malicious misrepresentations, their statements were so palpably false and contradictory, that all who heard them were satisfied that the evidence was manufactured for the occasion.

After the arguments of the counsel and the Judge, the jury retired to their room at eleven o'clock at night, and after freely indulging in whisky potations and cards, and it is said a proper distribution of a portion of the three thousand dollars raised to clear the prisoners, in just one hour and a half they were ready with a verdict.

Judge McClure was awakened in his hotel, and requested to go to the Court House, and in the small hours of the morning, while the honest people of Hastings were a sleep, little dreaming of the great outrage that twelve Dakota county men were perpetrating, a verdict of "Not Guilty" was recorded, and a murderer set at liberty, perhaps to perpetrate other capital crimes in some other place.

When daylight appeared, it is well for Thomas Eagan that he was "honest," or an outraged community would have meted out to him that justice which a Dakot county jury criminally failed to do.

OBSERVER.

Tower of Babel.

In a recent issue of Blackwoods Magazine, a writer describes the Tower of Babel as it appears to the traveler at the present day: "After a ride of 9 miles we are at the foot of Birs-Nimrod. Our horse's feet were trampling upon the remains of bricks, which showed here and there through the accumulated dust and rubbish of ages. Before our eyes uprose a great mound of earth, barren and bare. This was Birs Nimrod, the ruins of the Tower of Babel; by which the first builders of earth vainly hoped to scale high heaven. Here also it was that Nebuchadnezzar built, for bricks bearing his name have been found in the ruins. At the top of the mounds a great mass of brick work pierces the accumulated soil. With your fingers you touch the very bricks, large, square shaped and massive, that were thoroughly burned; the very mortar the 'slime,' now hard as granite, handled more than four thousand years ago by earth's impious people. From the summit of the mound far away over the plain, we could see glistening as a star, the gilded dome of a mosque, that caught and reflected the bright rays of the morning sun. This glittering speck was the tomb of the holy Ali. To pray before this at some period of his life, to kiss the sacred dust of the earth around there at some time or other, to bend his body and count his beads, is the daily desire of every devout Mahomedan."

FROZEN POTATOES.—Those who are so unfortunate as to have potatoes frozen may find comfort in the following from the Germantown Telegraph:

If your potatoes freeze in the cellar, don't wait for them to thaw, but throw them into a conical heap, either where they are, or in the open air, and cover with dirt, straw, shavings, old clothes, or chaff, packed tight with them and they are safe. The cover will prevent sudden changes, which causes all the mischief. I have saved potatoes in this way; it may be new to some of your readers, and may be of use to them, as it has been to me.

Why is Sherman the most gallant general in the army? He rushed across the continent to save Anna. (Savannah.)

What did Gov. Brown do when he heard it? He swore he'd destroy him with a proclamation, and rushed off to make 'un, (Macon)

Where did Jeff, the next time he took snuff, say he would stop him? O-gee-chee.

What was the next sound Sherman heard? O-ssa baw. (Lunatic secured.) —Hartford Press.

ALLIGATOR'S NEST.—They resemble haycocks, four feet high, and five in diameter at the base, being constructed with grass and herbage. First, they deposite one layer of eggs on a floor of mortar, and having covered this with a second stratum of mud and herbage seven or eight inches thick, lay another set of eggs upon that and so on to the top, there being commonly from one to two hundred eggs in a nest. With their tails, they then beat down round the nest the dense grass and reeds five feet high, to prevent the approach of unseen enemies. The female watches her eggs until they are hatched by the heat of the sun, and she then takes her brood under her own care, defending them and providing for their subsistence.

Dr. Lutzenburg, of New Orleans, once packed up one of these nests, with the eggs in a box, for the museum at St. Petersburg, but was recommended before he closed it to see that there was no danger of the eggs being hatched on the voyage. On opening one, a young alligator walked out and was soon followed by the rest, about a hundred of which he fed in his own house, where they went up and down stairs, whining and barking like young puppies.

THE HOMESTEAD

WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

FEB. 15, 1865.

H. W. HOLLEY - - - - - - - - Editor.

ARRESTED.

We see by the St. Paul papers that Capt. See and Surgeon Mayo have been summoned to Head Quarters, and the Surgeon placed under arrest to answer charges made concerning his operations at Mankato St. Peter and Faribault. Dr. Clark of Mankato was also arrested, and another pimp of the concern. It is to be hoped that a rigid investigation will be made of the doings of these Honorable officials, and that they, and all others connected with them in the base attempt to swindle the Government out of the services of able bodied men will get their just dues. It is said that in consequence of the outrageous doings of this Board, the names of all exempted persons are to be restored to the lists, and a new examination ordered. This will be no injury to those who have good cause for exemption but sorry news to those able bodied fellers who paid from $5 to $100 to get their names taken from the rolls. It is a "bad egg" for such chaps!

☞The Exempting Board of this District are now trying to cover their tracks by crying out "copperhead," charging that all the frauds were perpetrated by that breed of dogs, a large crowd of which did surround them while at St. Peter and Mankato. So far as this pretence is concerned we think it rather of a small hole out of which to let these officials escape. The fact is, this is a Republican board and has proved itself a swindling concern, and right in it is where the hanging should commence. After they are dead and done, there will be time enough to look after their copperhead allies. But until the board itself is attended to we do not want to hear so much about all the faults being among the Copperheads. Dr. Mayo has already admitted enough to scoop him, and if those who have the matter in charge half try, we rather guess the immaculate Capt. See will go too. When as Republicans we first hang our own knaves, there will then be time to look after the Copperheads.

☞The stampede of pimps, shysters, and shylocks from Faribault on the advent of Col. Averill's special messengers for the Exempting Board, was a "big thing," we judge from Brown's description of the matter. They closed their swindling shops in "a jiffy," and started "cross lots" for home on the double quick and that too without waiting for broad day-light to illumine their pathways. It was an unexpected run, and scared them bad if it did not hurt them much. As the investigation proceeds they will no doubt be all called on to give a good account of their doings. If Col. Averill now does his duty he will cancel all the exemptions given by this Board for the past two years and then under a new Board let the whole thing be done over again.

☞The Chatfield "Democrat" pitches into Senator Miller because he is willing that the Southern Minnesota Rail Road should be located through Southern Minnesota wherever the cheapest line can be found, and endorses Cameron of La Crescent in his policy of compelling the company to build the road to La Crescent before they can have any Swamp Lands from the State. These men whom the Chatfield "Democrat" endorse, are at this very time working to the best of their ability in La Crosse to prevent said city from granting any aid to this road whatever. Chatfield folks should know better than to endorse their enemies.

☞Harry Lamberton the late Democratic candidate for congress, was one of the many who took that "hasty plate of soup" in Faribault. Tis said Harry made a much better run in this affair than he did last fall for congress. His staff were Julianna Cox and Wm. Breckenridge Esqrs., who it will be remembered, were candidates also for Presidential Electors on the McClellan ticket.

☞President Lincoln has had an interview with rebel peace commissioners near Fortress Monroe and after telling them that they could have for peace all they wanted except Disunion, was flatly told by them that Disunion was their ultimatum. If the President and Cabinet did not before fully understand what this war means without doubt they understand it now.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

Grant's Left Wing Extended Five Miles.

Particulars of the Engagement.

HDQU'R'S ARMY OF POTOMAC } Feb. 8.

The result of yesterday's engagement was more important than reported. Particulars were not fully known at that time.

When the 5th corps fell back to the line of works at Hatcher's run, Monday night, the enemy did not follow very vigorously, nor did they make any attempt to storm the position. It was believed however, they would do so yesterday morning, but up to noon no sign of an attack appeared, nor did the rebels appear to be in strong force in the vicinity.

It was therefore determined to send a reconnoissance out on the ground occupied by us the day previous, and it being ascertained where the rebels were it was determined to force them back to their works at Dobney's Mills. General Crawford of the 5th Corps, having the advance the day before, and being best acquainted with the nature of the country, was selected for the duty, which they performed to the entire satisfaction of the commanding General. The column moved about noon, taking the Dobney's Mill road, and after advancing about half a mile, struck the rebel pickets, who fell back as our men advanced. Line of battle was then formed, the right resting on Hatcher's Run, and the left supported by part of Gen. Wheaton's command of the sixth corps.

The entire line then advanced cautiously through the thick wood on each side of the road, and before going far, met the rebels in force when a sharp engagement immediately began. The rebels were steadily driven until they took refuge behind the run at a mill, where they made a determined stand. Fighting here was kept up till night when our men commenced throwing up light breast-works to protect themselves.

The rebels did not seem disposed to attack again as they had done the day previous, an object of the movement having been accomplished by the development of their position, our troops were withdrawn during the night to their former ground in the Vaughn road in the vicinity of which strong works have been erected.

The loss in the movement turns out to be quite heavy, considering the force engaged. The 3d division of the 5th corps suffered principally. The following are the figures:—Killed, 5 officers, 66 men; wounded, 28 officers, 491 men; missing, 4 officers, 586 men; total, 37 officers, 1,143 men; aggregate loss, 1,180 officers and men, out of about 4,000 who went in action.

No doubt but a large proportion of those put down missing will make their appearance in a few days.

The loss of the 6th corps is not reported, but is very slight, they acting as a supporting column rather than an attacking force,

FROM WASHINGTON.

New York, Feb. 8.

A Washington special says the President's message on the late peace interview is prepared embracing the letter from Jeff. Davis to Mr. Lincoln, a letter from Mr. Lincoln to Blair and other documents. The publication of this message will dispel any idea of a probable peace from this interview.

The World's special says the President's message will show most of the statements concerning this interview to have been false. The rebels never mentioned recognition. All they asked was an armistice, pending negotiation, which was emphatically refused.

New York Feb. 7.

The Commercial Washington special says: Admiral Goldsborough is in this city perfecting the organization of the fleet for European waters. It is expected that its composition will be such as to be highly creditable to the country. It will be composed of some of our finest and largest frigates, which recent naval successes have released from blockade duty; and possibly an iron-clad of the largest class may be added to it.

New York Feb. 8,

Washington special says that Vice-President Hamlin left Washington to day for home, and Senator Clark will preside over the Senate for the remainder of the session.

Private secretary Nicolay states that the President is informed of military movements, and that reports of disaster is unfounded.

It will be recolected that immediately upon receipt of a mere rumor that rebel prisoners were being treated badly in our prisons, an investigation was moved in the rebel Congress, also that 830 bales of Mobile cotton were appropriated, and permission asked that it might be sent to this city and sold for the benefit of rebel prisoners. Permission was granted and the cotton arrived here, and to-day sold at auction for $35,000. Together with the good treatment these prisoners receive at our hands, this sum will render their condition anything but deplorable.

Washington, Feb. 8.

The Supreme Court of the United States now requires twenty printed copies of the abstract points and authorities required by the rule to be filed with the clerk by the plaintiff in error and appellant six days, and by the defendant in error three days before the case is called up for argument.

The President has recognized Robert Berth as Consul for Saxe Attenburg at St. Louis.

NEWS ITEMS.

The largest income in Philadelphia is that of H. P. McKean, 537,000.

The gold incomes of San Francisco amount to $13,000,000.

The Province of New Brunswick has issued a greenback in the shape of a three dollar note.

The snow is deeper in Northern New York than it has been for several years.

Lieutenant Cushing's brother officers nickname him "the Duke of Albemarle."

Lake Champlain froze over on Wednesday last opposite Burlington. This is about two weeks earlier than the average time.

It is stated that within the last eight months over four hundred newspapers have come to an untimely end in consequence of the exorbitant price of paper.

At a recent execution of deserters in the Army of the James, the 11th Maine regiment was excused from witnessing the scene, not a man having deserted from it since the beginning of the Richmond campaign.

The flag of truce steamer New York, arrived from Fort Monroe yesterday, with 1,100 Union prisoners, including 40 officers.

Montreal, Feb. 7.

Investigation into the conduct of Judge Coursel in releasing rebel raiders has been commenced by the Government Commissioners. Proceedings are private for the present.

New York Feb. 7,

The Post's Washington special says it is reported that the Presidentl will send a special message to Congress announcing the cause of the failure of the attempt at peace negotiations.

The proposed tax on sales is one half per cent, but there is little prospects of its adoption by the House.

Measures will be at once adopted by Congress to strengthen the Government—the armies and the finances for a grand summer's campaign.

New York, Feb. 8.

It is ascertained that about 40,000 persons whose names have been enrolled for the draft in this city, cannot be found' Besides a very large unmber of those found are exempted by age, &c. Additions are being made, however, of new names, and it is thought there will be found from 80,000 to 100,000 persons liable to draft in this city.

New York Feb. 8.

Commissioner Leads has written to an assessor that it is entirely admissable for persons to make copies of income lists when exposed to public view. What use the copyists make of the lists, the Commissioner says is neither the assessor's business, nor his.

ON TO RICHMOND!

Just received, a new and complete assortment of

GROCERIES!!

SILAS RICHARDSON

has now opened at his rooms in

WINNEBAGO CITY,

One of the best selected, varied and most extensive assortment of Goods in their line

Ever imported into Faribault County,

Which they are selling to the People of the Blue Earth Valley cheaper than Mankato or any other man.

In the

GROCERY & PROVISION DEPARTMENT,

Their facilities for supplying the wants of the people of this immense region are on a scale to warrant the fullest satisfaction.

We offer to the citizens of Faribault and Martin Counties the finest stock of

Groceries and Provisions

FRESH OYSTERS

Fresh Meat,

GREEN & DRIED

FRUITS,

TOBACCO & CIGARS

THE BEST

TEAS & COFFEES,

SUGARS,

Wines & Liquors

Ever brought to this market.

Also a complete assortment of

HARDWARE!

CASH BUYERS

WILL

consult their own interests

BY CALLING, EXAMINING AND PURCHASING from our VARIED and EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT.

We have the

Facilities and Determination

sell Goods as cheap as any house West of the Mississippi.

Pay Cash for Wheat, Oats, Corn, Pork, Hides, Butter and Eggs.

SILAS RICHARDSON

Winnebago City N

Winnebago City

Flouring Mill!

The proprietor of this mill gives notice that at last he has got everything in running condition, and in tip top shape, and can from this time henceforth supply all demands on him for FLOUR, SHORTS, BRAN, CORN-MEAL, and all kinds of FEED.

14tf ELISHA RHODES,

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED.

THE CITY

DRUG STORE!

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS

Drugs,

Medicines,

Paints.

Dye Stuffs,

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PURE LIQUORS.

We have also a splendid assortment of

BOOKS & STATIONARY

Corner of FRONT & HICKORY sts

Mankato, Minn. 21y1

TOWN MEETING.

Pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, there will be a Special Town Meeting of the legal voters of the Town of Winnebago City, held at Moulton's Hall at the village of Winnebago City, on Monday, the 6th day of February 1865, to vote upon a proposition to pay a bounty of $400, to each person enlisting on or before the 15th day of February, 1865, to the credit of said town, under the last call of the President for 300,000 men. Said money to be raised by issuing Town Bonds payable in two years with 12 per cent. interest. The polls will be opened at said Hall in said village, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and closing at five o'clock P. M.

Winnebago City, Jan. 25, 1865.

R. B. JOHNSON,

14w1 Town Clerk.

Farmers of the Blue-Earth valley

when you come to Mankato, stop at

O. WARD'S!

Where you can find every variety of

Dry Goods,

Hardware,

Groceries

BOOTS & SHOES

HATS & CAPS!

WITH ALL THE LATEST STYLES OF READY MADE

CLOTHING!

And in fact everything you will be likely to want, and at PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

Try us when you come to town. If we can't suit you when you call on us, that will be our fault. If you, when you come to town, do not give us a chance to suit you that is your OSS.

GIVE HIM A TRIAL

Mankato, March 16, 1864. 21y1

U.S. 7-30 LOAN

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that subscriptions will be received for Cupon Treasury Notes payable three years from Aug. 15th 1864, semi-annual interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum,—principal and interest both to be paid in lawful money.

These notes will be covertable at the option of the holder at maturity, into six per cent. gold bearing bonds, payable not less than five nor more than twenty years from their date, as the Government may elect. They will be issued in denominations of $50, $100, $500, $1,000 and $5,000, and all subscriptions must be for fifty dollars or some multiple of fifty dollars.

As the notes draw interest from August 15, persons making deposits subsequent to that date must pay the interest accrued from the date of note to date of deposit.

Special advantages of this Loan.

IT IS A NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK, offering a higher rate of interest than any other and the BEST SECURITY. Any savings bank which pays its depositors in U. S. Notes, considers that it is paying in the best circulating medium of the country, and it cannot pay in anything better, for its own assets are either in goverment securities or in notes or bonds payable in government paper.

Convertable into a Six per cent. 5-20 Gold Bond.

In addition to the very liberal interest on the notes for three years, this privilege of conversion so now worth about three per cent. per annum for the current rate for 5-20 Bonds it not less than **nine per cent. premium**, and before the war the premium on six per cent. U. S. stocks was over twenty per cent, It will be seen that the actual profit on this loan, at the present market rate, is not less than ten per cent per annum:

Its Exemption from State or Municipal Taxation.

But aside from all the advantages we have enumerated, a special act of Congress exempts all bonds and treasury notes **from local Taxation.** On the average, this exemption is worth about two per cent. per annum, according to the rate of taxation in various parts of the country.

It is believed that no securities offer so great inducements to lenders as those issued by the government. In all other forms of indebtedness the faith or ability of private parties, or stock companies, or seperate communities, only, is pledged for payment, while the whole property of the country is held to secure the discharge of all the obligations of the United States.

Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer of the United States, at Washington, the several Assistant Treasurers and designated Depositaries, and by the

First National Bank of St Paul

And by all National Banks which are depositaries of public money, and

ALL RESPECTABLE BANKS AND BANKERS

throughout the country will give further information and

AFFORD EVERY FACILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS.

October 26, 1864. h52m2

NEW GOODS.

Just received, a new and complete assortment of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting in part, of

Dry Goods and GROCERIES.

J. M. THOMPSON.

GARDEN CITY, MINN.,

WOULD respectfully announce to the people of Faribault and Blue Earth counties, that he has just received a large assortment of Goods for

FALL & WINTER!

SUCH AS—

Prints,	Shawls.
De Laines,	Boots & Shoes,
Denims,	wool Yarn,
Brown Sheeting.	Cod Fish,
Bleach'd Sheet'g,	Mackerel,
Cassimeres,	White Fish.
Satinetts,	Dried Apple,

KENTUCKY JEANS,

STRIPES

DRIED PEACHES

CANDLE WICKING

HATS & CAPS.

And in fact everything kept in a WELL FILLED country store, all of which will be sold as cheap as

Can be bought in the State.

The highest CASH prices will be paid for

Wheat & Furs!

Remember the place—

NEXT DOOR SOUTH THE HOTEL

Manhood: how Lost, how Restored!

JUST published, a new edition of Dr. CULVERWELL' celebrated Essay on the radical cure (without medicine) of Spirmatorrhœa, or seminal Weakness, Involuntary Seminal Losses, Impotency, Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc; also, Consumption Epilepsy, and Fits, induced by self-indulgence or sexual extravagance.

☞Price, in a sealed envelope, only 6 cents.

The celebrated author in this admirable essay clearly demonstrates, from a thirty years' successful practice, that the alarming consequences of self abuse may be radically cured without the dangerous use of internal medicine or the application of the knife—pointing out a mode of cure at once simple, certain, and effectual, by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately and radically.

☞This lecture should be in the hands of every youth and every man in the land.

Sent, under seal, in a plain envelope, to any any address, post paid, on receipt of six cents, or two post stamps. Address the publishers,

CHAS. J. C. KINE & CO.,

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13y1 Post Office box 4,586.

PROSPECTUS OF THE

Atlantic for '65.

The Number for January, 1865, begins the Fifteenth Volume of the "Atlantic Monthly."—The publishers state that they have made such arrangements for the coming year as will convince their readers that they intended to maintain the present posision and popularity of their magazine. They can now announce definitely the following features of the New Volume:

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, will contribute a new series of Domestic Papers, with the title of "The Chimney-Corner."

Donald C. Mitchell, author of "Reveries of a Bachelor," will begin in early numbers story with the title of "Dr. Johns."

Prof. Goldwin Smith, of the University of Oxford, has engaged to write regularly during the year, on topics of interest to American readers.

Prof. Agassiz has in preparation another series of his interesting and valuable Scientific Papers.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's Papers furnish some scenes from his unfinished work, "The Doliver Romance," which will appear in the coming volume.

Fitz-Hugh Ludlow will continue his admirable sketches of travel and adventure.

George Augusta Sala, the the well known novelist and magazineist, will contribute a series of papers similar to those written by him in Dickens' "Household Words," and "All the Year Round." The first paper will be a sketch of George Cruikshank.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall will contribute to the New Volume Memories of Authors they have known, including many interesting reminicences of Moore and other literary celebrities.

The Author of "Ten Acres ENOUAH" will furnish the Atlantic with regular articles of strikingly original character.

In addition to the features above enumerated, other interesting ones are in preparation. The magazine will still be favored with constant contributions from its regular staff of writers, whose names are familiar to the reading public as those of the

First American Authors.

The Atlantic will continue to furnish to its readers the best Essays, Sketches, Poems, Stories, Political and Historical Papers, and Miscellany of all kinds which American talent can supply.

Terms of the Atlantic Monthly.

Single subscriptions—$4,00 per year.

CLUB RATES.—Two copies for $7,00; five copies for $16,00; ten copies for $30,00; and each additional copy $3,00. For every club of twenty subscribers, an extra copy will be furnished [gratis], or twenty one copies for $60,00.

POSTAGE.—The postage on the Atlantic is twenty four cents per year, and must in all cases be paid at the office where it is received.

Clubbing with "Our Young Folks."

The "Atlantic" and "Our Young Folks" will be furnished to one address for FIVE DOLLARS per year.

TICKNOR & FIELDS,

Publishers, Boston.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

☞The main objection we heard advanced at the special town meeting held in this place on Monday last, to paying bounties, was that Soldiers already in the field who enlisted without are obliged to help pay these large bounties. The objection is a just and a forcible one, and the injustice done to soldiers in the field should be set right at once by the supervisors of the town. Let them issue town orders sufficient to pay the bounty tax of all soldiers from this town who enlisted without a large bounty, and pay with these orders the town bounty tax of these Soldiers. This will throw the burden of these bounty taxes where it rightfully belongs, viz., upon those who persist in staying at home.

What say you Messrs. Supervisors will you not do this at once? It is not much for the whole town, but considerable for the Soldiers.

FRIEND HOLLEY:—As there is rather a dearth of local news, just now, we send you the following account of a rather serious accident that occurred last week in our neighboring county of Martin.

Mr. Ward, a lawyer of Fairmount, being at East Chain Lakes, attending to some business in Justices court left the office of the Justice on Friday last about two o'clock to go to his lodgings. He had gone but a few rods from the office, when coming in contact with a clothes line, he was thereby violently thrown upon the frozen ground, producing severe concussion of the brain, which rendered him insensible and almost lifeless; that same morning, however, he made his appearance before the court "clothed and in his right mind."

Friend Ward is a gentleman of temperate habits, it is therefore not at all probable that he could have been "befuddled" with "bad whiskey," and as a further proof that he was not, I would add that there is not a whiskey shop within the limits of Martin County.

The printer and proprietor of this paper very suddenly last week made up his mind to enlist and has left the printing Department of the paper in rather of a bad way. Arrangements have however been made with Messrs. O. G. & P. P. Wall to run the Homestead until its owner's term of service expires. But one of them is here as yet, and until the other arrives the forbearance of our readers as regards quantity of matter is requested.

☞We are prepared to receive orders for Doolittles celebrated Black Cap Raspberry plants at $3 per hundred.

This delightful fruit should be in every man,s garden. The plants are perfectly hardy and yield beautifully. All who would like to eat the best raspberry in the world will hand in their orders at once.

☞About 25 volunteers left this place on Friday morning last for Fort Snelling. Five of them will be credited to the town of Prescott, ten to this town, and the balance to other towns.

Martin County is said to be depopulated of able bodied men. No bounties are given in that county and the result is, that every body who can carry a gun enlists, crediting themselves to towns that do pay bounties.

☞Read the advertisement of a new Grocery in to-day's paper.

☞The La Crosse "Democrat" announces that the iron for the Southern Minnesota Rail Road is now being rapidly hauled over the Mississipi River on the ice. In this connection would it not be appropriate for the Winona "Republican" to reiterate its stereotyped lie, that this iron is borrowed to carry an election in La Crosse.

Miss Damp would inform the people of this vicinity, that the Spring term of her school will commence Monday the 20th inst. and continue ten weeks.

TERMS OF TUITION.

Primary,	$2,00
Common English	$3,00
Higher	$4,00.

Tuition to be paid in advance for each half of the term.

COUGHS AND COLDS.—Those who are suffering from Coughs, Colds Sore Throat, &c. should try "Brown's Bronchial Troches" a simple remedy which has relieved thousands, and which is in almost every case effectual.

Startling! but true—The Volunteers are braving the dangers of Fever, Scurvy, Wounds and Cholera. Many a gallant fellow will leave his bones to bleach. who, by the aid of HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT, would have returned to his family strong and healthy. Soldiers, try them.

If the reader of this notice cannot get a box of Pills or Ointment from the drug store in his place let him write to me 80 Maiden Lane, enclosing the amount and I will mail a box free of expense. Many dealers will not keep my medicines on hand because they cannot make much profit as on others make, 35 cents 88 cents and $1,40 per box or pot.

The Smithsonian Institute.

The Smithsonian institute, which was yesterday almost totally destroyed by fire, was organized by act of Congress in April, 1863, to carry into effect the provisions of the will of Mr. Jas. Smithson, an English physician, who died in Geneva in 1829. Mr. Smithson was the natural son of the third duke of Northumberland. He was educated at Oxford where, in 1786, he took an honarary degree under the name of James Lewis Macie, but soon afterwards adopted the name of Smithson. the family name of his father, by which he was subsequently known. Several years before his death Mr. Smithson executed his will. in which upon the occurrence of certain contingencies, he bequeathed the whole of his property to the United States of America, to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian institute' an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men. The condition upon which the bequest was to take effect in favor of the United States having accured in 1825, by the death of a nephew of the testator without issue, the government was officially notified of its reversionary intrest in the estate. The fact being communicated to congress, a joint committee reccommended the acceptance of the trust. It was accordingly accepted, and Hon. Richard Rush was sent to England as commissioner to prosecute the claim. At the end of eighteen months he was able to report the successful termination of his mission, and on Sept. 1th, 1838, deposited in the United States mint the proceeds in English sovereighs which yielded in recoinage $515,169.

In April, 1846, an act in eleven sessions was passed, organizing the Smithsonian institution. The fourth, fifth, and sixth sections assigned the location and gave power to erect a suitable building for the reception, upon a liberal scale, of objects of natural history, chemical laboratory, library, art gallery, and lecture rooms. The entire cost of the building, improvements, &c., was $325,000, but by careful management of the institution is assigned, the original fund has increased by accruing intest to $655,000. A free library has been collected which is unequaled in this country as a resource for scientific research, and happily this useful collection was saved from destruction which yesterday threatened it. The museum which was also saved, had attained a magnitude and completness seldom surpassed in collections for the illustrations of natural science. Lectures, chiefly on science subjects, have been delivered every season to large audiences from every part of the country. The contributions of the institution to science and art in this country have been most important; and the destruction of so many of its fine collections will be viewed as a national calamity.

"The dog earns his living by wagging his tail." "Make yourself all honey and the flies will devour it." "The smiles of a pretty woman are the tears of the purse." He who takes an eel by the tail or a women by the tongue, is sure to come off empty handed."

NEW GROCERY STORE!!

EXEMPTION FROM HIGH PRICES!!

The undersigned have opened a new Grocery Store in Winnebago City, and now offer to the public good things on extremely favorable terms. "Competition is the life of trade," and by strictly attending to our business buying

TEA,
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Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the register of the land office shall note all such applications on the track books and plats of his office, and keep a register of all such entries, and make return thereof to the General Land Office, together with the proof upon which they have been founded.

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Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That if, at any time after the filing of the affidavit, as required in the second section of this act, and before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, it shall be proven, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the land office, that the person having filed such affidavit shall have actually changed his or her residence, or abandoned the said land for more than six months at any time, then and in that event the land so entered shall revert to the Government.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no individual shall be permitted to acquire title to more than one quarter section under the provisions of this act; and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this act that they are now entitled to receive when the same quantity of land is entered with money, one half to be paid by the person making the application at the time of so doing, and the other half on the issue of the certificate by the person, to whom it may be issued; but this shall not be construed to enlarge the maximum of compensation now prescribed by law for any register or receiver: Provided, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: And provided, further, That all persons who may have filed their applications for a pre emption right prior to the passage of this act shall be entitled to all the privileges of this act: Provided, further, That no person who has served, or may hereafter serve, for a period of not less than fourteen days in the army or navy of the United states, either regular or volunteer, under the laws thereof, during the existence of an actual war, domestic or foreign, shall be deprived of the benefits of this act on account of not having attained the age of twenty one years.

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GALUSHA A. GROW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. FOOT,
President pro tem. of the Senate.
Approved, May 20, 1862.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
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Amendment of The Homestead law.

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The second section provides that besides the ten dollar fee exacted by the homestead act, the applicant shall hereafter pay to the register and receiver each, as commissions, at the time of entry, one per cent, upon the cash price as fixed by law of the land applied for, and like commissions when the claim is finally established and the certificate therefore issued as the basis of a patent.

The third section provides that in any case hereafter in which the applicant for the benefit of the homestead is prevented, by reason of distance, bodily infirmity or other good cause, from personal attendance at the district land office, he may make the affidavit required by the original statute before the clerk of the court for the county in which he is an actual resident, and transmit the same, with the fee and commissions, to the register and receiver.

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Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before the said register or receiver that he or she is the head of a family, or is twenty-one or more years of age, or shall have performed service in the army or navy of the United States, and that he has never borne arms against the Government of the United States or given aid and comfort to its enemies, and that such application is made for his or her exclusive use and benefit, and that said entry is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; and upon filing the said affidavit with the register or receiver, and on payment of ten dollars, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified: Provided however, That no certificate shall be given or patent issue therefore until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, or at any time within two years thereafter the person making such entry—or if he be dead, his widow; or, in case of her death—shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she, or they have resided upon or cultivated the same for the term of five years immediately succeeding the time of filing the affidavit aforesaid, and shall make affidavit that no part of said land has been alienated, and that he has borne true allegiance to the Government of the United States; then, in such case he, she, or they, if at that time a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to a patent, as in other cases provided for by law; And provided, further, That in case of the death of both father and mother, leaving an infant child, or children, under twenty-one years of age the right and fee shall enure to the benefit of said infant child or children; and the executor, administrator, or guardian may, at any time within two years after the death of the surviving parent, and in accordance with the laws of the State in which such children for the time being have their domicil, sell said land for the benefit of said infants, but for no other purpose; and the purchaser shall acquire the absolute title by the purchase, and be entitled to a patent from the United States on payment of the office fees and sum of money herein specified.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the register of the land office shall note all such applications on the track books and plats of his office, and keep a register of all such entries, and make return thereof to the General Land Office, together with the proof upon which they have been founded.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That no lands acquired under the provision of this act shall in any event become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of the patent thereof.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That if, at any time after the filing of the affidavit, as required in the second section of this act, and before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, it shall be proven, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the land office, that the person having filed such affidavit shall have actually changed his or her residence, or abandoned the said land for more than six months at any time, then and in that event the land so entered shall revert to the Government.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no individual shall be permitted to acquire title to more than one quarter section under the provisions of this act; and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this act that they are now entitled to receive when the same quantity of land is entered with money, one half to be paid by the person making the application at the time of so doing, and the other half on the issue of the certificate by the person, to whom it may be issued; but this shall not be construed to enlarge the maximum of compensation now prescribed by law for any register or receiver; Provided, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: And provided, further, That all persons who may have filed their applications for a pre emption right prior to the passage of this act shall be entitled to all the privileges of this act: Provided, further, That no person who has served, or may hereafter serve, for a period of not less than fourteen days in the army or navy of the United states, either regular or volunteer, under the laws thereof, during the existence of an actual war, domestic or foreign, shall be deprived of the benefits of this act on account of not having attained the age of twenty one years.

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GALUSHA A. GROW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. FOOT,
President pro tem. of the senate.

Approved, May 20, 1862.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
President of the United states.

The following is the amendment to the Homestead Law, which passed Congress on the 18th of March, 1864.

Amendment of The Homestead law.

The bill provides that in case of any person desirous of availing himself of the benefits of the homestead act of May 20, 1862, but who, by reason of actual service in the military or naval service of the United States, is unable to do the personal preliminary acts at the district land office which that act requires, it shall and may be lawful for such person to make the affidavit required by that act before the officer commanding in the branch of the service in which he may be engaged, which affidavit shall be as binding in law, and with like penalties, as if taken before the register or receiver; and upon such affidavit being filed with the register by the wife or other representative of the party, shall become effective from the date of filing, provided the application and affidavit are accompanied by the fee and commissions as required by law.

The second section provides that besides the ten dollar fee exacted by the homestead act, the applicant shall hereafter pay to the register and receiver each, as commissions, at the time of entry, one per cent, upon the cash price as fixed by law of the land applied for, and like commissions when the claim is finally established and the certificate therefore issued as the basis of a patent.

The third section provides that in any case hereafter in which the applicant for the benefit of the homestead is prevented, by reason of distance, bodily infirmity or other good cause, from personal attendance at the district land office, he may make the affidavit required by the original statute before the clerk of the court for the county in which he is an actual resident, and transmit the same, with the fee and commissions, to the register and receiver.

The fourth section provides that in lieu of the fee allowed by the twelfth section of the preemption act of 4th September 1841, the register and receiver shall each be entitled to one dollar for their services in acting upon preemption claims and shall be allowed, jointly, at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred words for the testimony which may be reduced by them to writing for claimants, in establishing preemption or home stead rights,

The sixth section provides that where a preemptor has taken the initiatory steps required by existing laws in regard to actual settlement, and is called away from such settlement by being actually engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, and by reason of such absence is unable to appear at the district land office to make before the register or receiver the affidavits required by the thirteenth section of the preemption act of 4th September, 1841, the time for filing such affidavit and making final proof and entry or location shall be extended six months after the expiration of his term of service, upon satisfactory proof, by affidavit, or the testimony of witnesses, that the said preemptor is so in the service, being filed with the register of the land office for the district in which his settlement is made.

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Nearly nine hundred miles of the cable have already been made, and beautifully coiled away in the large tanks of the telegraph construction company's works, lately those of Messrs. Glass & Elliott. Fifteen hundred nautical miles are to be manufactured to complete the whole, exclusive of the shore ends, which will be most massive, and in length some thirty miles. The factory now turns out fourteen miles a day of complete rope, which in four months will give one thousand three hundred and fifty miles, at the present rate of working, though, of course as the days grow longer so in proportion will the hours of labor.

The interior of the Great Eastern is undergoing important alternations to fit her for her new duties as a cable ship The great object with such ships is to get as few coils of cable as possible—in fact, if possible to have it all in one. Large, however, as the Great Eastern is, she never could hold the Atlantic cable in one coil; for apart from its weight, which is five thousand tons, its bulk in one mass would be gigantic—a coil fifty-eight feet in diameter and nearly sixty feet high.

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Expulsion of the Rebels from Canada.

Canada has taken vigorously hold of the means of self-defence against the cowards and traitors hibernating there, and eager to plunge the provinces into war. The Toronto Globe of Saturday says:

The House of Assembly passed the Alien Bill last night by an overwhelming majority. Only seven members indeed, took the responsibility of voting against the third reading, though a large number supported two amendments, which were proposed and negatived.

On passing the bill, the secessionists became terribly enraged, and called a public meeting for Monday (last) in Toronto, to denounce the action of the Canadian Government! This impudence calls forth the following sketch.

They seek only to injure the land in which they have found a home. They break our laws, or support with stolen money, those who have broken them, they make common cause with the marauders of Lake Erie and St. Albans, they insult our judiciary, and now they seek to assemble a mob to condem the men who, by the almost universal consent of the people of Canada, have confided to them the Government of the Province. In utter despite of every consideration of honor and justice, they are prepared to go any length.

One would thinktthat after the man Burley had had an impartial hearing of our judges, they should have bowed to the verdict which has been pronounced. But far from so doing, they have still been plotting for his deliverance by force from the officers of the law. We did not believe that even their audacity would extend so far; but we were mistaken. A timely discovery has revealed the fact that they have formed a conspiracy for the release of the man Burley from goal by violent means. Happily their designs have been discovered; but the attemtp is none the worse thereof. Obedience to the lows of the country in which they have found a refuge, respected for the flag under whose wings they ignominously cower, is the last thing, they think of.

Had they conducted themselves as they ought to have done, none would have sought to interfere with them; but the insults. direct and indirect, they have passed upon us, from the best vindication the government can have for taking measures which will at least beat into them a respect for law, of which they have shown themselves naturally deficient. We ask the citizens of Toronto if they will allow these foreigners and their paid tools to assume a dictatorship here. They managed to put down free speech in Montreal—shall they be allowed to do so in Toronto? Nothing but a disgraceful lasses faire will permit it. We owe it to ourselves as citizens, we owe it to the wise policy of the British Government, to vindicate the action of our Cabinet, directly as it solely is, to the mantainance of the neutrality for which our Queen has pledged her royal word.

An Incident Of War.

A letter from Minnesota to the Rochester Democrat tells this interesting story:

Let me relate to you and your readers an incident of war which has lately come to my knowledge, and which has never before found its way into the newspapers. In the class of 185,—at Waterville College, Maine, were two young men who had been chums while fitting for college at the same school, and were chums through the entire college course, and after graduating pursued their legal studies at the same law school, and were chums here also. After admission to the bar, one went South to seek his fortune, the other West. After the breaking out of the rebellion, the one who went South enlisted in the rebel army, the other in the Union army. They both afterwards rose to the rank of Colonel, and both took part in the battle of Mission Ridge, in command of respective regiments. The rebel Colonel at the head of a Tennessee regiment was in support of a battery, which the regiment under command of the Union Colonel was ordered to take at the point of the bayonet. The battery was taken; but both colonels wounded.

After the fight was over, a Union captain, himself a classmate of the two colonels, being detailed to bury the dead, found the two college class-mates and chums lying side by side on the battle-field, with their right hands clasped, and both dead. They had evidently recognized each other after being wounded, and the old ties of friendship had asserted their supremacy, and together their spirits had passed into the eternal world. Side by side in the same grave they slept.

"Rap! rap! rap!" 'Come in,' said the country women. A rather rough looking man appeared and crossed the threshold. 'Is Mr. Smith at home?' said he. 'No sir; he'll be home in a short time. Take a chair,' said Mrs. Smith. He selected the best chair in the house, shouldered it, and went off at a rapid rate.

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Bad Understanding.

Peter Johnson kept a small country grocery; living in an agricultural district, customers were very scarce, and sales few and light. However, he had a garden adjoining his store, and when not employed within, he was attending his vegetables. One day a farmer drove up, and stopping, exclaimed;

"Got any salt, Peter?"

"No" the grocer replied.

Two hours afterwards the farmer drove back, he having been a distance of ten miles, and visited several stores in the course of his ride. "Tomkins, did you find any saltpetre? called Mr. Brown, from his garden.

"Saltpeter? no, I did'nt want that, I wanted salt!

Why did you not say so in the first place? replied Peter, I've plenty of salt.

Long words like long dresses, often hide something wrong about the understanding.

Fearful Conflagration at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Ga. Jan. 28, 1865— 2½ A. M.—As we go to press, one of the most fearful catastrophes that has ever occured in this country is in progress. At 11½ o'clock the alarm of fire was again sounded from the steeple of the Exchange for the 3d District. The firemen were soon out on the spot and found a small row of wooden buildings in flames. The wind was blowing a strong easterly gale, and the fire spread with great rapidity, utterly baffling all attempts on the part of the soldiers and the firemen to stay its progress.

Several small buildings were torn down in order to prevent the spreading of the flames, and if possible save the dreadful dangers consequent upon the burning of the rebel navy magazine which was known to be stored with a large amount of heavy rebel ammunition and a considerable amount of powder. As the heavens grew red with the fiery element, the air was filled with sparks resembling a golden shower.

In a very short time the news spread like wild fire through the city that the magazine was on fire with fifty tons of powder and several hundred shells stored therein. This report alarmed and horrified every one in the city, and created a great panic through out the entire city limits, extending even through the camps. Thousands of people arose from their beds and began to make preparations for their safety' which could only be had by fleeing beyond the range of bursting shells and crumbling walls.

In half an hour the worst fear was confirmed by the explosion of the first shell which burst and sent its fragments hissing through the air. In less than five minutes a series of explosions took place, resembling a furious bombardment followed by terrific flashes as the powder ignited. We have reports that lives have been lost, but owing to the dire confusion it is utterly impossible to give any accounts or reliable statements.

We have authentic information that one soldier was quite severely wounded and a colored boy killed. Doubtless there are many casualities of different kinds resulting from this awful disaster. Dozens of poor families have been rendered houseless by the fire, and owing to the freezing state of the atmosphere, their sufferings must be intense.

We shall issue an extra at an early hour containing all particulars of this deplorable calamity.

LATER.

Jan. 28.

Lieut. T. J. Spence, Depot Ordinance Officer. 'Military' Division of the Mississippi,' has just brought the astounding intelligence that some fiend had placed a keg of powder at the side of the Arsenal, corner of York and Walker streets. This was undoubtedly placed here to blow up the city, as the Arsenal contained over thirty tons of powder. The keg was placed in the shadow of a tree to avoid its being discovered. A single spark would easily have carried out the hellish designs of the wretches, as the top of the keg was entirely open.

Making Syrup from Corn.

A German chemist has discovered a process of making syrup from Indian corn—not the stalks but the grain. He gets between three and four gallons from a bushel, and it is worth $1 50 per gallon. A company has been formed to erect an establishment at once, and put the process in practical operation. All the stock is taken, two of our leading sugar dealers having subscribed $50,000 each, and others who are anxious to invest in the enterprise are unable to get a chance.'—Such is the story which is now being told by men of the highest respectability in this community.

Perhaps all this relates to somthing new, and perhaps not. If the German chemist spoken of has discovered a cheap process of making cane sugar from corn, he has made one of the greatest chemical discoveries of the age, but if he is merely changing starch into grape sugar he is accomplishing nothing mor than has been done ever since the origin of the art of making fermented liquors from corn.—Scientific American.

Where Do Men Go Who Die in Chicago?

Some years ago, when Chicago was in its infancy, a stranger took up his quarters at the principal hotel, and inscribed his name on the register as Mr. J——, of St. Louis. For several days he remained there engaged in transacting the business which brought him to that place, and from his exceedingly plain dress, manners and general appearance, attracted but little attention.

Soon Mr. J—— was suddenly seized with illness, during which he was sadly neglected by his host; and the servants, taking their tone from the master of the house, left him to shift for himself as best he could. Thus matters went on, until one morning he was past praying for. His papers were then examined, that the sad intelligence might be communicated to his friends; when to the surprise of all, he was found to be one of the most wealthy men of the western country.

Arrangements were accordingly made for the funeral; but before the last rites were performed, the subject came to life again, having been the victim of catalepsy, instead of grim "king of terror." All were overjoyed at his fortunate escape from so dreadful a fate, and from that time were profuse in their expressions of solicited elicited, however, we judge, by "documentry evidence," rather than by any personal regard.

At length some one ventured to ask how things appeared to him while in the trance, to which he thus replied:

"I thought I had come to the river of death, where I met an angel who handed me a jewel to serve as a pass to the other side. On giving this to the ferryman, I received from him another, which carried me forward another stage in my journey. Going on thus, for several stages, receiving at the termination of each, a ticket for the succeeding one, I at last reached the gate of the Heavenly City. There I found St. Peter, who opened the door at my summons, pipe in mouth, seated by a small table on which sat a dish o fresh oysters.

'Good morning, sir,' said he, very politely.

'Good morning, St. Peter,' said I.

'Who are you sir?' said he, turning over the leaves of a large ledger.

'My name is J——.'

'Very good, sir; where did you live down below?

'I lived in St. Louis, in the State of Missouri.'

'Very well, sir; where did you die?'

'I died in Chicago, in Illinois.'

'Chicago?' said he, shaking his head, 'there's no such a place sir.'

'I beg your pardon, St. Peter, but have you a map of the United States?

'Yes sir.'

'Allow me to look at it.'

'Certainly sir.'

'With that he handed down a splendid atlas, and I pointed out Chicago.

'All right, sir said he, after a moment's pause; it's there sure enough, so walk in sir; but I'll be blessed if you aint the first man that ever came here from that place.'

Thus ended Mr. J——'s account of his transition state, and no more questions were asked.

The Copperhead Boston 'Courier' complains of national taxes, says poetically:

"They would if they could, stick a stamp on our souls."

To which the Springfield 'Republican aptly replies:

'True, if we could, but a lack of space would cramp!

The room is too small for a revenue stamp.

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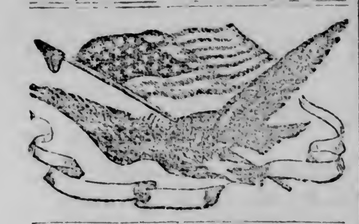

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FEB 22 1865.

H. W. HOLLEY - - - - - - - - Editor.

A CORRECTION.

One C. A. Stine of Mankato, through the "Mankato Union" desires redress through the columns of the "Homestead" for alleged mis-statements made concerning himself and the Board of Enrollment. He says he is not an Ex-Reverend. We hasten to set him right in this respect, as we supposed if he ever had been a Reverend, he would still be one, or else an Ex-officio one. We are willing to take his word for it however, that he is not one nor never has been.

He also says Jimmy Harmon agreed to give him $10 for getting his exemption papers, but finally refused to pay him but $6, this was all he got. The Homestead said he got $6,50. We cordially give him the benefit of the fifty cents. Five of this he says went to the Dr, and one to himself. He refers us to a good many texts of scripture, showing his familiarity we presume with the "Higher law," We simply refer Mr. Stine in this connection to the "Lower law," which passed Congress Feb. 24, 1864. Section 22 reads as follows: "That the fees of agents and attornies for making out and causing to be exemption from draft, or for any services that may be rendered to a claimant shall not in any case exceed five dollars, and physicians or surgeons furnishing certificates of disability to any claimant for exemption from draft shall not be entitled to any fees or compensation therefor." And any agent or attorney who shall directly or indirectly receive any greater compensation for his service under this act, and any physician or surgeon who shall directly or indirectly demand or receive any compensation for furnishing said certificate of disability, and any officer connected with the Board of enrollment who shall receive compensation from any drafted man for any services shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and for every such offence shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, and be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year."

Now probably Mr. Stine having been spending so much of his time over the old Mosiac laws, was not thoroughly posted as to this American law, when he demanded of and made Jimmy Harmon's uncle agree to give him $10 for making out Jimmy's papers; $5 for himself, and $5 for the Dr. The Dr. must have been ignorant also of this prohibition for him to receive any thing for giving a certificate of disability. Of course, as ignorance does not exempt a person from liability to the law, both Stine and the Dr. refered to are guilty of a high misdemeanor, and subject to the penalties and pains laid down in the law above quoted. As Col. Averill in due time no doubt will attend to these gentlemen, we would modestly suggest to Mr. Stine, if it is true that he is not a preacher or an ex-preacher, and if it is true, that he does try to assist sickly young men up this way in getting exempt, that he had better quit abusing Jimmy Harmon in the public prints for refusing to be swindled by him out of five dollars, and for quietly submitting to an admitted swindle of only one dollar; and further, we would advise him, if he proposes to continue in this exemption business by him he unprofitably begun, that he read Mathew less, and the United States Statutes more.

THE FIRST WITNESS.

Several newspapers in the State are jubilant over the fact that one Chas. S. Bryant of St. Peter, has voluntarily offered himself as a witness to prove that the proceedings of the Enrolling Board have all been proper. He says refering to the purposes of the Board:

That object is to correct the enrollments of all the obvious cases of exemption preparatory to the draft fixed for the 15th of Feb.; and where this Board holds its sessions, of course many people must congregate. And the applicants for exemption are of various descriptions—aliens, persons over age, under age, and those claiming some physical debility. The three first classes named are required to have their proof on paper, regularly made out, properly stamped and attested. This labor requires either the skill of an attorney, or one who has acquired a proper knowledge of the forms. With these cases, alienage, over age, under age, the examining physicians has nothing to do. The cases of physical debility are examined by the doctor attendant on the Board, And when we reflect that this new country is the asylum of the diseased and suffering of all the States east of us, and remember too, that of the able bodied men some 18,000 are in the field, we must know that among the remaining portion between twenty and forty-five are many persons suffering under a great variety of physical debility—some visible, and some hidden and interior. These internal difficulties a physician is required to point out; otherwise with the cursory examination the Surgeon of the Board is able to give the applicant, many persons, really proper subjects for exemption, would be retained on the enrollments as good soldiers—an expense to the government and with no ability to perform duty.'

There it is simple and salubrious. "Hidden and interior" Mr. Bryant says the Surgeon of the Board has not time to investigate and outside physicians are requested to point them out to him. In practice here is the working of the pure system this first witness thinks so proper. A man with a "hidden and interior" disease presents himself to Dr. Mayo for exemption. He is told we have not time to hunt up "hidden and interior" diseases. Go to some physician on the outside who has time to hunt up such things. He goes out and finds a physician who for 5, 10, 20, or 100 dollars can find a "hidden and interior" disease and gets this physician to point the same out to the Surgeon of the Board who has not time to hunt for such things himself. The result is, the "hidden disease" man gets exempted, upon papers and certificates of an outside physician who is making money by the operation. If this kind of practice is right, then this first witness for the defense has done his employers some good, but if this kind of practice is wrong as every body must admit, then this first witness is a very bad egg indeed, for the Board of enrollment with his voluntary evidence. A few more such voluntary witnesses as Mr. Bryant, and the verdict guilty can be had from evidence furnished by their own witnesses.

☞ There is a correspondent of the Mankato Union whose ear marks are C. A. S. who is terribly exercised about negroes voting in this State. The next step he fears will be miscegenation! The poor devil is afraid that he himself whenever negroes are permitted to vote, will be put in the background by "Afric's sable sons," and goes so far as to threaten to "bid his friends goodbye," when that that time comes. If we was so unfortunate as to be on the list of friends of this C. A. S. we should want him to say goodbye immediately. A low fellow like him who is afraid of negro competition, has no business to have friends. If the white race cannot compete with the black race let the white race go under, say we.

☞ The Winona "Republican" having done all it could to defeat the bill granting swamp hands to aid in the building of the Southern Minnesota Rail Road and finding its efforts of no avail, it acknowledges in its last issue that said Rail Road "will undoubtedly prove of great advantage to the region of country through which the contemplated line passes," which admission coupled with its former persistant hostility to said Rail Road proves that said paper is opposed to whatever is of great advantage to the country through which the line passes. The fact is Sinclair's vision is bounded by the big slough back of Winona. He has lived in its miasma so long that can not breathe a healthy breath towards any other section of the State.

☞ An Amendment to the State Constitution has been passed through one branch of the Legislature and will without doubt pass the other, striking the word "white" from the article of elective franchise. When the vote will be had by the people we do not, know, probably not before the fall election. Of course there will be bitter opposition to this amendment but we have no doubt it will be ratified by the people of the State by a large majority as it to be. The American nation has been perpetuating relics of barbarians long enough, and the inhuman principle that a black man has no political rights in this country must go down with the rest of the Slavery Abominations.

For the Free Homestead.

Among The Missing.

Among the missing, Oh! God pity me in this hour of trial. My all, all I had to love in this world, is among the missing, my noble daring brother. In the early days of June he went forth to battle for his country. All loved that knew him, but none as the lonely being, now setting calmly waiting to go forth to meet him, who lies buried in a distant land. Why wonder that I am sad; my heart and all my hopes lie buried with my darling brother.—They say there is no sacrifice to great to lay upon the altar of our country; perhaps not. Many, many, hearts are like mine sad unto breaking, like me have no one too love or care for now. God pity, and help them to bear it. My darlings comrades softly bless me as I pass in and out among the cot beds of the hospital. And I am trying to be happy in making the dying soldiers happier upon their death beds. As I lay my hand apon the fevered forehead of the dying soldier, I sadly think of my lost brother, dying in a Southern prison without one friend near to soothe his dying hour; and my heart goes forth to meet him, if my body is not yet ready to go. NELLIE.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

From Mobile.

New York, Feb. 14.—Washington specials say that officers from the forces operating against Mobile, who arrived here this evening, confirm the reported evacuation of that place.

Hundreds of deserters have come off to the army and to the fleet, and unanimously agree in the statement that nearly all the rebel troops have left that place, and that it will be surrendered whenever a demand of it shall be made, even if the force by which it is backed up shall not be a very large one.

The cotton has all been removed from the city into the interior.

Our fleet is busily engaged in removing obstructions, and expect to be able to reach the city by the first of March.

New York, Feb. 14.

The army of the Potomac holds its newly acquired ground on Hatcher's Run on which very strong earthworks are now efected.

There are rumors that the enemy is mining one of the Union forts in front of Petersburg.

Desertions of Rebels to Gen Grant's lines still continue numerous.

New York, Feb. 14.

Captain James Beall, convicted of being spy and guerilla, and being one of the Lake Erie pirates, will be hang Saturday morning, on Governors Island, New York the sentence having been fully approved by General Dix.

New York, Feb. 15.

Captain Kennedy charged with being one of the rebels who attempted to burn this city, is now being tried before the same military court which convicted Beall.

New York, Feb. 16.

Lieutenant Ward of Gen. Palmer's staff, was accidently shot by Capt. Horn of the 2nd New York cavalry.

New York, Feb. 16.

It is now said the rebel Gen. Hindman, of Arkansas, has gone to the city of Mexico, expecting to obtain a command in Maximilian's army, having lost his faith in the Jeff. Davis Confederacy. We understand that several other rebel officers have lately arrived at Matamoras.

New Haven, Feb. 15.

The Union Convention assembled at Brewster Hall in this city, today, at 10 o'clock. Hon. Wm. A. Buckingham, of Northwich was nominated for Governor, and Robert Averill of Danville for Lieut. Gov, by acclammation.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.

At the Marshals sale of 159 bales of prize cotton, here today, the price obtained was 69 to 77½ cents per pound

New York Feb. 14.

Maj. Gen. Scofield has assumed command of the Department of North Carolina. This places him at the head of all the forces now operating in the vicinity of Wilmington.

It is expected that Gen. Terry will command a corps under Scofield.

The latest advices from Cape Fear River were to the 9th. All was quite

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BY CALLING, EXAMINING AND PURCHASING from our VARIED and EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT.

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Pay Cash for Wheat, Oats, Corn. Pork, Hides, Butter and Eggs.

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Winnebago City, Minn. 21y1

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The proprietor of this mill gives notice that at last he has got everything in running condition, and in tip top shape, and can from this time henceforth supply all demands on him for FLOUR, SHORTS, BRAN, CORN-MEAL, and all kinds of FEED.

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Mankato, Minn. 21y1

TOWN MEETING.

Pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, there will be a Special Town Meeting of the legal voters of the Town of Winnebago City, held at Moulton's Hall at the village of Winnebago City, on Monday, the 6th day of February 1865, to vote upon a proposition to pay a bounty of $400, to each person enlisting on or before the 15th day of February, 1865, to the credit of said town, under the last call of the President for 300,000 men. Said money to be raised by issuing Town Bonds payable in two years with 12 per cent. interest. The polls will be opened at said Hall in said village, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and closing at five o'clock P. M.

Winnebago City, Jan. 25, 1865.

R. B. JOHNSON.

14w1 Town Clerk.

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WITH ALL THE LATEST STYLES OF READY MADE

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GIVE HIM A TRIAL

Mankato, March 16, 1864. 2fy1

U.S. 7-30 LOAN

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that subscriptions will be received for Coupon Treasury Notes payable three years from Aug. 15th 1864, semi annual interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum,—principal and interest both to be paid in lawful money.

These notes will be covertable at the option of the holder at maturity, into six per cent. gold bearing bonds, payable not less than five nor more than twenty years from their date, as the Government may elect. They will be issued in denominations of $50, $100, $500, $1,000 and $5,000, and all subscriptions must be for fifty dollars or some multiple of fifty dollars.

As the notes draw interest from August 15, persons making deposits subsequent to that date must pay the interest accrued from the date of note to date of deposit.

Special advantages of this Loan.

It is a National Savings Bank, offering a higher rate of interest than any other and the BEST SECURITY. Any savings bank which pays its depositors in U. S. Notes, considers that it is paying in the best circulating medium of the country, and it cannot pay in anything better, for its own assets are either in government securities or in notes or bonds payable in government paper.

Convertable into a Six per cent. 5-20 Gold Bond.

In addition to the very liberal interest on the notes for three years, this privilege of conversion so now worth about three per cent. per annum for the current rate for 5-20 Bonds it not less than **nine per cent. premium**, and before the war the premium on six per cent. U. S. stocks was over twenty per cent. It will be seen that the actual profit on this loan, at the present market rate, is not less than ten per cent per annum:

Its Exemption from State or Municipal Taxation.

But aside from all the advantages we have enumerated, a special act of Congress exempts all bonds and treasury notes **from local Taxation.** On the average, this exemption is worth about two per cent. per annum, according to the rate of taxation in various parts of the country.

It is believed that no securities offer so great inducements to lenders as those issued by the government. In all other forms of indebtedness the faith or ability of private parties, or stock companies, or seperate communities, only, is pledged for payment, while the whole property of the country is held to secure the discharge of all the obligations of the United States.

Subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer of the United States, at Washington, the several Assistant Treasurers and designated Depositaries, and by the

First National Bank of St Paul

And by all National Banks which are depositaries of public money, and

ALL RESPECTABLE BANKS AND BANKERS

throughout the country will give further information and

AFFORD EVERY FACILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS.

October 26, 1864. n52m3

NEW GOODS.

Just received, a new and complete assortment of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting in part, of

Dry Goods and GROCERIES.

J. M. THOMPSON,

GARDEN CITY, MINN.,

WOULD respectfully announce to the people of Faribault and Blue Earth counties, that he has just received a large assortment of Goods for

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SUCH AS—

Prints,	Shawls,
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Denims,	wool Yarn,
Brown Sheeting.	Cod Fish,
Bleach'd Sheet'g,	Mackerel,
Cassimeres,	White Fish,
Satinetts,	Dried Apple,

KENTUCKY JEANS,

STRIPES

DRIED PEACHES

CANDLE WICKING

HATS & CAPS.

And in fact everything kept in a WELL FILLED country store, all of which will be sold as cheap as

Can be bought in the State.

The highest CASH prices will be paid for

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Manhood: how Lost, how Restored!

JUST published, a new edition of Dr. CULVERWELL' celebrated Essay on the radical cure (without medicine) of Spermatorrhœa, or seminal Weakness, Involuntary Seminal Losses, Impotency, Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc; also, Consumption, Epilepsy, and Fits, induced by self-indulgence of sexual extravagance.

☞ Price, in a sealed envelope, only 6 cents.

The celebrated author in this admirable essay clearly demonstrates, from a thirty years' successful practice, that the alarming consequences of self abuse may be radically cured without the dangerous use of internal medicine or the application of the knife—pointing out a mode of cure at once simple, certain, and effectual, by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately and radically.

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PROSPECTUS OF THE

Atlantic for '65.

The Number for January, 1865, begins the Fifteenth Volume of the "Atlantic Monthly."—The publishers state that they have made such arrangements for the coming year as will convince their readers that they intended to maintain the present position and popularity of their magazine. They can now announce definitely the following features of the New Volume:

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, will contribute a new series of Domestic Papers, with the title of "The Chimney-Corner."

Donald C. Mitchell, author of "Reveries of a Bachelor," will begin in early number a story with the title of "Dr. Johns."

Prof. Goldwin Smith, of the University of Oxford, has engaged to write regularly during the year, on topics of interest to American readers.

Prof. Agassiz has in preparation another series of his interesting and valuable Scientific Papers.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's Papers furnish some scenes from his unfinished work, "The Doliver Romance," which will appear in the coming volume.

Fitz-Hugh Ludlow will continue his admirable sketches of travel and adventure.

George Augusta Sala, the well known novelist and magazineist, will contribute a series of papers similar to those written by him in Dickens' "Household Words," and "All the Year Round." The first paper will be a sketch of George Cruikshank.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall will contribute to the New Volume Memories of Authors they have known, including many interesting reminiscences of Moore and other literary celebrities.

The Author of "Ten Acres Enough" will furnish the Atlantic with regular articles of strikingly original character.

In addition to the features above enumerated, other interesting ones are in preparation. The magazine will still be favored with constant contributions from its regular staff of writers, whose names are familiar to the reading public as those of the

First American Authors.

The Atlantic will continue to furnish to its readers the best Essays, Sketches, Poems, Stories, Political and Historical Papers, and Miscellany of all kinds which American talent can supply.

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TICKNOR & FIELDS,

Publishers, Boston.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Good News.

The bill granting all the swamp lands in sections designated by odd numbers in the Winnebago City Land District and all south of the Minnesota River and west of range 29 to the Southern Minnesota Rail Road Co. to aid in building a Road through the Southern counties has become a law.

A very singular provision, originally engrafted apparently in jest, upon the Root River Railroad Bill, making their swamp lands subject to the State tax in five years from the time the lands were conveyed to the company, is also affixed to this bill, and applied to all the lands granted by Congress to the State and we believe it is the intention to engraft it also upon the Pacific and Central Companie's bills. It is difficult to believe that legislation of this sort can be seriously intended. If this principle is to prevail, a land grant of a few hundred thousand acres would soon impoverish the richest railroad corporation in the country.

The above wail comes from the 'Press' about an amendment to the Superior Rail Road Bill. It had nothing to say while the same odious feature was being engrafted upon the Southern Minnesota Bill, but what is sauce for the goose is evidently not sauce for the gander up that way. We trust that our Southern members will compel all the rest of the companies to swallow the dose prepared for them. Hold them right to it boys! "Time does indeed bring its revenge." To our up country folks we would advise, don't "jest" quite so much hereafter.

QUICK WORK.—Capt. Simonton who held the contract for the delivery of 700 tons of Iron on the line of the Southern Minnesota Rail Road completed the job in just ten days. The Iron was drawn seven miles. If the other part of the work is pushed ahead in like manner, the first ten miles of the road will be in running order by the 4th of July.—Hokah Chief.

Will not our dear friend of the Winona "Republican" repeat again that little fib of his about this iron being borrowed.

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whose husbands, sons, and brothers are serving in the army, cannot put into their knapsacks a more necessary or valuable gift, than a few boxes of HOLLOWAYS PILLS AND OINTMENT. They insure health even under the exposures of a soldiers life.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Information from the Army of the Potomac, states that the dispatch of the 10th inst., announces that the execution of James L. Hicks is a mistake, as his sentence was suspended by the President until further orders.

Desertions from the rebel army have been quite numerous for some time past, twenty come within our lines on Wednesday morning. They presented their usual dirty, ragged, and hungry appearance. Their first question almost always is 'where can we get rations?

Latest news from Kirby Smith's army says his troops are very much scattered for the purpose of obtainin gforage, food and wood. It will be impossible to concentrate them in any force during the present season in concequence of insufficient transportation.

Price is reported to have gone to Mexico on an important Confederate mission under orders of Kirby Smith. The reports of his sickness and death are untrue.

Scarcely a boat traverses the river below Memphis but what is hailed by rebel deserters asking to be taken aboard.

The draft under Gen. Canby's order has not been enforced. The Memphis Bulletin says there will probably be none within the vicinity of Memphis.

After the complete failure of the French expedition to Sonora, it is not anticipated that a second one will be attempted.

The Tribune's Fort Fisher corespondent says the rebel position in front of Wilmington is next to impregnable. Their right rests on Cape Fear River, and consists of breastworks 10 feet in height, with a ditch and abattis in front.

The Army Appropriation Bill, as passed by the House, appropriates about five hundred million dollars.

J. D. Imboden is in command of all prison camps in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

Gen. Grant has said recently that with 300,000 fresh men he can close the war in three months. The draft, it is thought, will yield at least 200,000 men.

The Richmond Whig says:
We learn from good authority that our forces are falling back before Sherman advancing columns, in the direction of Columbia, S. C., and will probably make a stand on the Saluda.

The Richmond Dispatch reports the landing of 20,000 men at Newbern and believes their object to be an immediate advance on Raleigh, or on the railroad line.

A heavy fire occurred at Danville, Va., Wednesday last Estimated loss exceeds $200,000.

Longstreet is said to be in command of the defenses of Richmond.

From Wilmington.

Washington Feb. 14.

Admiral Porter has communicated the following to the Navy Department:

U. S. Steamer Monticello, off Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 7.— Sir: I have the honor to report that I entered Little River, South Carolina, on the night of the 4th inst., and proceeding about two miles with four gunboats and fifty men, landed in the small town of All Saints Parish, on the Little River. The town was placed under guard without the knowledge of the inhabitants, and I succeeded in capturing some soldiers and arms.

I held the place all the next day and discovered and destroyed about $100,000 worth of cotton. I also captured two flats at the mouth of the Harbor containing 23 bales of cotton which had some time been removed from a blockade runner, to lighten her. These were brought off together with some negroes.

The South Carolina planters and all men whom I met professed to be willing to come back under the old Government, and the most of them seemed to be loyal men only awaiting emancipation from military rule.

On the 6th I sent two boats and crews ashore in Charlotte Inlet under the command of Acting Master C. A. Petit. He surprised and routed the rebel force detailed to collect provisions in that country, capturing six soldiers with their arms and equipments and destroying the stores which had been gathered for the enemy at Fort Anderson. The soldiers lately stationed at Charlotte had been withdrawn to assist in the defense of Wilmington.

A hundred rebels are still at lockwood, The woods are full of deserters.

Very Respectfully,
W. B. CUSHING
Lieut. Comdg.

To Rear Admiral D. D. Porter, commanding North Atlantic Squadron, Cape Fear River, North Carolina.

TAKE NOTICE!

All those knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of McCormick and Taplin, or Mill account, will take notice that by agreement with said firm all such debts are to be paid to the undersigned.
14w4 ELISHA RHODES.

WINNEBAGO CITY HOTEL.

The subscriber still keeps the above house, and pledges himself as ever to be attentive to the comfort of his guests. His table is supplied with the best to be found in the country.
17tf. C. S. KIMBALL.

Warranty Deeds, Chattle Mortgages, &c, &c., &c, for sale at this office.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners on the Estate of Richard Chatfield, (deceased) of East Chain Lakes Minnesota, will hold a meeting at 9 o'clock A.M on the 4th Wednesday of every [illegible] at the house of the [illegible], at Chain Lakes Centre, until all claims are presented and adjusted according to law.
J. C. STRONG
Chairman of Board of Commissioners.

Blacksmithing

WILL be done at the shop in this city hereafter promptly, and well done. Positively READY pay ONLY after this date.

Particular attention paid to HORSE SHOEING; by HUNTINGTON & WISE.
Winnebago City, Feb. 7th 1865. 15tf

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Nothing that is not wholesome, genial and restorative in its nature enters into the composition of HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS. This popular preparation contains no mineral of any kind, no deadly botanical element; no firey excitant; but it is a combination of the extracts of rare balsamic herbs and plants with the purest and mildest of all diffusive stimulents.

It is well to be forearmed against disease, and so far as the human system can be protected by human means against maladies engendered by an unwholesome atmosphere, impure water, and other external causes, HOSTETTERS BITTERS may be relied on as a safeguard.

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The weak stomach is rapidly invigorated and the appetite restored by this agreeable Tonic, and hence it works wonders in cases of Dispepsia and in less confirmed forms of indigestion. Acting as a gentle and painless aperient, as well as upon the liver, it also invariably relieves the Constipation superinduced by irregular action of the digestive and secretive organs.

Persons of feeble habit, liable to Nervous Attacks, Lowness of Spirits and Fits of Languor, find prompt and permanent relief from the Bitters. The testimony on this point is most conclusive, and from both sexes.

The agony of Billious Colic is immediately assuaged by a single dose of the stimulant, and by occasionally resorting to it, the return of the complaint may be prevented.

As a General Tonic

Hostetter's Bitters

produce effects which must be experienced or witnessed before they can be fully appreciated. In cases of Constitutional Weakness, Premature Decay, and Debility or Decrepitude, arising from Old Age, it exercises the electric influence. In the convalescent stages of all diseases it operates as a delightful invigorant. When the powers of nature are relaxed, it operates to re-enforce and re-establish them.

Last, but not least, it is

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For Weakness arising from Excesses, Habits of Dissipation, Early Indiscretion of Abuse, attended with the following symptoms:—

Indisposition to Exertion, Loss of Power,
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Weak Nerves, Trembling,
Horror of Diseases, Wakefulness,
Dimness of Vision, Pain in the Back,
Universal Lassitude of the Muscular System,
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These symptoms, if allowed to go on, which this medicine invariably removes, soon follows

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Many are aware of the causes of their suffering.
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Which HELBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU invariably does. A trial will convince the most skeptical.

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In all their Stages, At Little expense,
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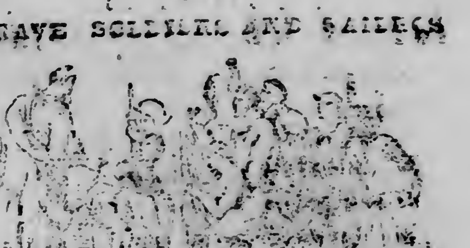

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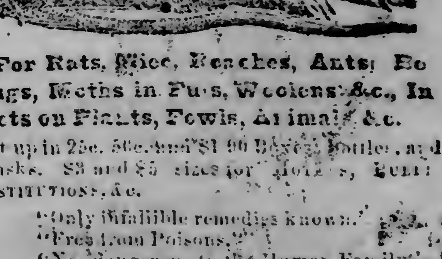

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Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before the said register or receiver that he or she is the head of a family, or is twenty-one or more years of age, or shall have performed service in the army or navy of the United States, and that he has never borne arms against the Government of the United States or given aid and comfort to its enemies, and that such application is made for his or her exclusive use and benefit, and that said entry is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; and upon filing the said affidavit with the register or receiver, and on payment of ten dollars, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified: Provided however, That no certificate shall be given or patent issue therefore until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, or at any time within two years thereafter the person making such entry—or if he be dead, his widow; or in case of her death—shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she, or they have resided upon or cultivated the same for the term of five years immediately succeeding the time of filing the affidavit aforesaid, and shall make affidavit that no part of said land has been alienated, and that he has borne true allegiance to the Government of the United States; then, in such case he, she, or they, if at that time a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to a patent, as in other cases provided for by law; And provided, further, That in case of the death of both father and mother, leaving an infant child, or children, under twenty-one years of age the right and fee shall enure to the benefit of said infant child or children; and the executor, administrator, or guardian may, at any time within two years after the death of the surviving parent, and in accordance with the laws of the State in which such children for the time being have their domicil, sell said land for the benefit of said infants, but for no other purpose; and the purchaser shall acquire the absolute title by the purchase, and be entitled to a patent from the United States on payment of the office fees and sum of money herein specified.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted. That the register of the land office shall note all such applications on the track books and plats of his office, and keep a register of all such entries, and make return thereof to the General Land Office, together with the proof upon which they have been founded.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That no lands acquired under the provision of this act shall in any event become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of the patent thereof.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That if, at any time after the filing of the affidavit, as required in the second section of this act, and before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, it shall be proven, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the land office, that the person having filed such affidavit shall have actually changed his or her residence, or abandoned the said land for more than six months at any time, then and in that event the land so entered shall revert to the Government.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no individual shall be permitted to acquire title to more than one quarter section under the provisions of this act; and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this act that they are now entitled to receive when the same quantity of land is entered with money, one half to be paid by the person making the application at the time of so doing, and the other half on the issue of the certificate by the person, to whom it may be issued; but this shall not be construed to enlarge the maximum of compensation now prescribed by law for any register or receiver; Provided, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: And provided, further, That all persons who may have filed their applications for a pre-emption right prior to the passage of this act shall be entitled to all the privileges of this act: Provided, further, That no person who has served, or may hereafter serve, for a period of not less than fourteen days in the army or navy of the United states, either regular or volunteer, under the laws thereof, during the existence of an actual war, domestic or foreign, shall be deprived of the benefits of this act on account of not having attained the age of twenty one years.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the fifth section of the act entitled "An act in addition to an act more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes," approved the third of March, in the year eighteen hundred and fiftyseven, shall extend to all oaths, affirmations, and affidavits, required or authorized by this act.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent any person who has availed him or herself of the benefits of the first section of this act from paying the minimum price, or the price to which the same may have graduated, for the quantity of land so entered at any time before the expiration of the five years, and obtaining a patent therefor from the Government, as in other cases provided by law, on making proof of settlement and cultivation as provided by existing laws granting pre-emption rights.

GALUSHA A. GROW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. FOOT,
President pro tem. of the sen ate.
Approved, May 20, 1862.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
President of the United states.

The following is the amendment to the Homestead Law, which passed Congress on the 18th of March, 1864.

Amendment of The Homestead law.

The bill provides that in case of any person desirous of availing himself of the benefits of the homestead act of May 20, 1862, but who, by reason of actual service in the military or naval service of the United States, is unable to do the personal preliminary acts at the district land office which that act requires, it shall and may be lawful for such person to make the affidavit required by that act before the officer commanding in the branch of the service in which he may be engaged, which affidavit shall be as binding in law, and with like penalties, as if taken before the register or receiver; and upon such affidavit being filed with the register by the wife or other representative of the party, shall become effective from the date of filing, provided the application and affidavit are accompanied by the fee and commissions as required by law.

The second section provides that besides the ten dollar fee exacted by the homestead act, the applicant shall hereafter pay to the register and receiver each, as commissions, at the time of entry, one per cent, upon the cash price as fixed by law of the land applied for, and like commissions when the claim is finally established and the certificate therefore issued as the basis of a patent.

The third section provides that in any case hereafter in which the applicant for the benefit of the homestead is prevented, by reason of distance, bodily infirmity or other good cause, from personal attendance at the district land office, he may make the affidavit required by the original statute before the clerk of the court for the county in which he is an actual resident, and transmit the same, with the fee and commissions, to the register and receiver.

The fourth section provides that in lieu of the fee allowed by the twelfth section of the preemption act of 4th September 1841, the register and receiver shall each be entitled to one dollar for their services in acting upon preemption claims and shall be allowed, jointly, at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred words for the testimony which may be reduced by them to writing for claimants, in establishing preemption or homestead rights.

The sixth section provides that where a pre emptor has taken the initiatory steps required by existing laws in regard to actual settlement, and is called away from such settlement by being actually engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, and by reason of such absence is unable to appear at the district land office to make before the register or receiver the affidavits required by the thirteenth section of the preemption act of 4th September, 1841, the time for filing such affidavit and makin final proof and entry or location shall be extended six months after the expiration of his term of service, upon satisfactory proof, by affidavit, or the testimony of witnesses, that the said preempt or is so in the service, being filed with the register of the land office for the district in which his settlement is made.

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